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CARVALHO YEO A LONE BLACK SHEEP.

MR. POTTER'S SUBMISSIONS IN \$260,000 CLAIM.

IMPLIED AGREEMENT?

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., who appears for the Government in their action against the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for recovery of the sums lost in the Carvalho Yeo frauds, brought his opening address to an end this morning.

Counsel dealt largely with the allegations of negligence made by the Bank, referring particularly to the suggestion that there was an implied agreement between the bank and the customer to take certain precautions.

This suggestion, he said, had been treated as the high water mark of absurdity in various courts of law.

Mr. Potter also spoke at some length on the honesty of the employees of the Hongkong Treasury, saying that Carvalho Yeo was the one black sheep.

MR. BLACK GOES INTO THE BOX.

Mr. Eldon Potter continued his opening address to the jury when the Court resumed this morning, mainly dealing with the allegations contained in the statement of defence.

He went on to speak of the conduct of the Treasury and said it was controlled by competent officers and subordinate employees who were trusted by Mr. Messer.

Treasury employees were always trustworthy until the arrival of Carvalho Yeo, he being the one black sheep of the staff. It was quite true, said Mr. Potter, that the safe in the Treasury was open from time to time and could be reached by employees of the Treasury.

In fact the employees' duties were such as to take them to the safe and he would submit that there was no ground for anyone to assume that employees were going to be dishonest. Therefore they were entitled to leave the cheque book in the safe with the door open.

No Chance for Stranger.

During the business hours the cheque book was kept on Tsang On-wing's desk. During the tiffin interval it was also on his desk but an Indian constable was on duty in the Treasury so there was no possibility of a stranger getting access to the book or having an opportunity of stealing cheques from it.

Tsang On-wing had thirteen years of unblemished service in the Treasury continued counsel. Mr. Messer and Mr. Black would say a good deal about the conduct of the Treasury when they gave evidence and he, Mr. Potter, would submit that there was no evidence of negligence in the conduct of the Treasury.

Customer's Responsibility.

Mr. Potter went on to deal with the relations between a bank and its customers and said it was suggested on the other side that the customer had certain responsibilities with regard to unusual, irregular or suspicious occurrences. Supposing a man found that half a dozen cheques had been extracted from his cheque book he, counsel, would not say that the customer would not ring up the bank and warn it. But there was no contract to do so and no customer agreed that he would do so.

If such a duty as this was imposed on the customer then he would be in the difficult position of having to make up his mind as to what was an unusual, irregular or suspicious occurrence.

Mr. Potter read from the statement of the defence in which it was suggested that a customer had certain responsibilities in the event of unusual irregular or suspicious circumstances and said that if there was that duty on the part of the customer it would be no use him saying that he did not notice that half a dozen cheques were missing. He had to take such steps that if such an occur-

rence did take place he had to become apprised of it. The other side said, therefore, that he either knew or ought to have known of a certain thing.

Treasury Negligence?

The statement of defence said that following the receipt of the cheque book in December 1927 it had been discovered by the Government, or but for their negligence should have been discovered, that an occurrence of an unusual, irregular or suspicious character had taken place. That occurrence, said counsel, was stated to be that the serial number of the cheque book had been wrongfully and fraudulently altered. That really meant that Tsang On-wing knew that the cheque book cover had not only been altered but wrongly and fraudulently altered.

Tsang's Position.

It was also stated in the statement of defence that thirty cheques with their counterparts had been wrongfully and fraudulently extracted from the cheque book, the three forged cheques forming part of the thirty. It was also said that Tsang On-wing knew on December 22 that the cheques were missing.

Mr. Potter said he would submit that if that allegation was true in fact then Tsang On-wing knew that the cheques had been wrongfully and fraudulently extracted. If that was so there could be no doubt that he was in the conspiracy. It was impossible for the Bank to have it both ways.

If that was so then the position would be that Tsang On-wing was in fact in the conspiracy and knew that the cheques had been wrongfully extracted.

Not Dishonest.

It was not the Government's case that Tsang On-wing was a dishonest man and therefore they were relieved of all these allegations. The Government could have adopted that case but it did not think it was the true one. The Government believed that Tsang On-wing was an honest servant.

He could not know that the cheques had been wrongfully and fraudulently extracted from the book unless he was in the plot.

The jury would have his denial. He would tell the Court that he did not appreciate that the cheques had been extracted.

If Tsang did realise on December 22 that the thirty cheques had been fraudulently extracted from the book what object would he have in concealing that unless he was in the swindle?

Inferences.

If he knew that the cheques had been extracted he must also have known that when the loss was discovered, as it must have been discovered some time, he would be the first man called upon for an explanation.

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KING'S MESSAGE TO HIS PEOPLE.

"NEW EVIDENCES OF KINDLINESS."

APPRECIATION AND THANKS FOR SYMPATHY.

NEW & MOVING HOPE.

London, Apr. 22.

Taking the form of a message of appreciation and thanks to the people of the Empire for their many expressions of sympathy with him in his long and trying illness, His Majesty the King has issued from Craigwell House, Bognor, to-day, a Message to My People.

The King is still too weak to return to public life for some time yet, but he is making a steady, if slow, recovery to health and strength.

Tribute to Medical Staff.

In his Message, His Majesty says: "Looking back on my long illness and recovery, my heart is full of thankfulness for the deeper origin than a mere sense of relief."

"I have been brought back from danger and weariness in the past months by the wonderful skill and devotion of my doctors, surgeons and nurses, and help has come from another source of strength as month after month I learned of the widespread and loving solicitude with which the Queen and I were surrounded."

"Waiting and Watching."

"I am able to picture to myself the crowds of friends waiting and watching at my gates, and think of the still greater number of those, throughout the Empire, remembering me with their prayers and good wishes."

"The realisation of this has been among the most vivid experiences of my life. It has been an encouragement beyond all description."

"Confidence and Affection."

"I feel my constant and earnest desire to gain the confidence and affection of my people."

"My thoughts have carried me even further. I cannot dwell upon the generous sympathy shown me by unknown friends in many other countries without new and moving hope."

"I long to believe it is possible that experiences such as mine may soon appear no longer exceptional; when the national anxieties of all the peoples of the world shall be felt as a common source of human sympathy and a common claim on human friendship."

True Nature of Men.

"I am not yet able to bear the strain of a public ceremony, but I look forward to, on some appointed day, joining with my people at Home and Overseas in thanking God, not merely for my own recovery, but for the new evidences of growing kindness, significant of the true nature of men and nations."

"I hope this Message may reach all those, even in the most remote corners of the world, from whom I have received words of sympathy and goodwill."—*Reuter.*

Y.M.C.A. PREMISES ON FIRE IN SHANGHAI.

CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE IN WORK SHOP.

Shanghai, Apr. 23.

The carpenter's shop at the Foreign Y.M.C.A. in Shanghai caught fire this morning as the result, it is believed, of the careless dropping of a cigarette and among some shavings.

The blaze was furious for some little while owing to the presence of a good deal of methyl spirit. The place was much damaged by fire and water.

A number of boxes containing clothing, belonging to the new business secretary of the Y.M.C.A., Mr. Hines, were burned. The Brigade was promptly on the scene and soon gained control.

Our Own Correspondent.

MUI TSAI SYSTEM IN HONGKONG.

SIR CECIL CLEMENTI'S REPORT IN LONDON.

MORE FACTS NEEDED.

London, Apr. 22.

The *Mui Tsai* system in Hongkong, against which there has been a revival of agitation recently, was the subject of questions to the Dominions Secretary in the House of Commons to-day.

During a previous discussion, Lieut.-Col. L. C. M. S. Amery said he had been awaiting a report from the Governor of Hongkong regarding the working of the Ordinance passed in 1923.

To-day Captain W. G. A. Ormsby-Gore, the Under-Secretary said that Lieut.-Col. Amery had received the expected despatch from the Governor of Hongkong with regard to child adoption, etc. in the Colony.

Lieut.-Col. Amery was now asking the Governor for further information and when this was received.

CHANGTEH POSITION BETTER.

A.P.C. Staff Safe on Board Tug.

LEAVE FOR CHANGSHA.

According to naval wireless messages, news from an American missionary at Changteh states that the position there is better.

The tug "Chuchow" reached Hanshow on the 19th inst., but could not proceed further owing to the low water.

However, a telegram received from Changsha on Sunday states that Messrs. Gabb, Rose, Tohill, Cernetski and Pelling, and Miss Jacobson were aboard the "Chuchow" which sailed for Changsha yesterday.

The Papers would be submitted to the House.

Replying to Mr. Day, Captain Ormsby-Gore said that Lieut.-Col. Amery, in concert with the Governor of Hongkong, was considering means to prevent evasions of the law against child adoption.

The question was most difficult when there were a large number of Chinese subjects coming to Hongkong from other provinces with a proportion of *Mui Tsai* among them.—*Reuter.*

NO WAY IN NORWAY FOR TROTSKY.

STORTING SUPPORTS THE GOVERNMENT.

Oslo, Apr. 22.

After a prolonged debate, the Storting has rejected the Labour Party's request to the Government to reconsider their decision refusing to allow Mr. Trotsky to enter Norway.

The Premier said the Government's refusal was final.

In the Storting, 71 voted against his admission and 52 for, the majority including Conservatives, Agrarians, Radicals and Communists.—*Reuter.*

BIG FOREIGN LOAN?

STRANGE CHINESE REPORT FROM SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, Apr. 22.

For the purpose of rehabilitation work in Hupeh and Hunan, it is stated, Mr. T. V. Soong, the Finance Minister, has succeeded in obtaining a loan of \$2,800,000 from a prominent foreign bank at Shanghai.

The salt revenue in Hupeh Province has been assigned as security for the loan. The agreement, it is said, was signed on Saturday between Mr. Soong and a representative of the Bank at Hankow.

SOVIET ORDERS IN BRITAIN.

WHAT RUSSIA WANTS IN RETURN.

SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN FINDS THE FLAWS.

EXTENSIVE CREDITS.

London, Apr. 22.

The declaration by Mr. M. Platakoff, the acting Governor of the Soviet State Bank, that the Soviet could give at least \$160,000,000 worth of orders to British industry in the course of the next five years, was the subject of questions in the House of Commons to-day.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Foreign Secretary, in reply to the queries which came largely from the Labour Party, made a statement regarding the declaration.

He said that M. Platakoff's "offer" depended upon the development of a "satisfactory financial programme."

An Old Story

"But by a satisfactory financial programme," said Sir Austen, M. Platakoff appears to have explained that he meant an agreement for a guarantee on the lines of the Draft Treaty of 1924, properly extended and supplemented.

"From this it will be seen that the placing of business orders in Great Britain is made to depend not only on the resumption of diplomatic relations between His Majesty's Government and the Soviet Government, but also apparently upon the granting of extensive new credits to that Government."

No Satisfaction Offered.

"Thus," he went on, "no satisfaction is offered for the abuses of which the British Government complained, whilst a demand is made for a revival and extension of those financial provisions of the Draft Treaty of 1924 which the British Government declared to be unacceptable."

"If the Soviet Government ever sincerely desire to make definite proposals, there are sources through which they can be accomplished."

No Trade Interruption.

"In the meantime trading facilities between Russia and Britain have not been interrupted. The Soviet Government has placed orders in Britain, though not to the extent of the amount of the credit opened to them by British purchases in Russia."—*Reuter.*

The Committee of the British Trade Delegation now in Moscow at the invitation of the Soviet Government, recently issued a statement to the effect that the prospects of establishing a basis for economic co-operation had been frankly and informally discussed.

No Insuperable Difficulty.

The view was expressed that no insuperable difficulties exist in the way of settlement of outstanding problems.

If the consensus of newspaper opinions is any criterion, Britain is not likely to rise hurriedly to the luscious looking bait dangled before the British trade delegation now touring Russia, by M. Platakoff, the Governor of the Soviet State Bank. He declared that the Soviet could give \$150,000,000 worth of orders to British industry during the next five years or the Soviet's import programme could be raised to \$200,000,000, providing British capital agreed to invest in various concessions and contract operations and normal diplomatic relations be restored. That is a huge loan from British bankers backed by the British Government.

The *Morning Post* recalled what the spider told the fly. The *Daily Telegraph* urged the same careful security of guarantees as in 1924.

The *Times* said it was anxious to see Anglo-Soviet trade prosper but diplomatic normalcy depends on other conditions.

Shanghai, Apr. 22.

It is reported that Mr. Wu Tze-hui, who was detained with Li Chai-sum at Tangshan by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, has been released and arrived here this afternoon from Nanking. There is no news of Marshal Li Chai-sum.

LIFE & PROPERTY IN U.S.A.

LESS SAFE THAN ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.

HOOVER'S INDICTMENT

New York, Apr. 22.

A scathing indictment of public insecurity in the United States was made by President Hoover in the course of a speech at a luncheon given by the Associated Press here to-day.

The President declared that life and property in the United States were less safe than in any country in the world.

There were, said President Hoover, 9,000 murders yearly in the United States, made in only half the cases, and in less than one-sixth of the cases were the slayers convicted.

Compared with Great Britain after taking into account the difference in the population, there were twenty times as many murders in the United States and at least fifty times as many robberies.

President Hoover admitted that Prohibition had increased the volume of crime, but out of the total number of felonies last year under 8 per cent. involved the 13th Amendment.

Two immediate problems which the Government were investigating were the existing agencies for the enforcement of law and the reorganization of the system of enforcement.—*Reuter's American Service.*

THE 'KOOKABURRA' TRAGEDY.

MISSING AIRMAN THOUGHT TO BE BURIED.

A GRIM INDICATION.

Sydney, Apr. 22.

Another discovery is reported to have been made in connection with the tragic accident to Flight-Lieut. Keith Anderson's plane, the pilot of the "Athana" having flown low above the derelict machine once again.

Brain now says that he saw what appeared to be a mound near the exposed body of one of the airmen under the wing of the machine. The mound rather suggests that the companion of the dead man visible has been roughly buried.

Apparently it was only by the purest chance that the aviator Brain found Keith Anderson's plane "Kookaburra." The latter landed nearly 200 miles north of its direct course from Alice Springs to Wyndham. Brain passed over the spot solely because it happened to be on his course to Wave Hill, where he was going to join the search party. Smoke from a recent fire drew his attention. Brain noticed that a short runway had been cleared near the "Kookaburra," indicating that the airmen had tried to resume the flight. Six aeroplanes are now intensively searching for the missing airmen in the vicinity of the "Kookaburra."—*Reuter.*

Of Great Value.

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MAJOR CAMPBELL'S INTENTIONS.

SIMULTANEOUS EFFORT ON THREE RECORDS.

Verneukpan, Apr. 22.

Major Campbell has abandoned his intention of again attempting to break the mile record.

He will, however, endeavour to establish records for 1 kilometre, 5 kilometres, and 10 kilometres, probably simultaneously.—*Reuter.*

YANGTZE PORTS.

MARTIAL LAW AT SHASI AND ICHANG.

Naval wireless messages state that strict martial law is in force at Ichang, but otherwise the situation is quiet.

Shasi is reported quiet and a cessation of hostilities at this place is reported, but strict martial law is in force.

The a.s. Kingwo was fired on six miles above Ichang.

AMERICAN NAVAL PROPOSALS.

CAUSES BIG STIR ALL OVER U.S.A.

DECLARATION WELCOMED BY LORD CUSHENDEN.

HOOVER'S NEW ROLE.

Washington, Apr. 22.

The attitude of the other big Naval Powers, especially Britain, towards Mr. Hugh Gibson's proposals at Geneva is eagerly awaited.

In the speech (which is reported elsewhere), Mr. Gibson said he was authorised to state that the United States were willing to agree to any reduction of naval tonnage, however drastic, which left no type of war vessel unrestricted.

The boldness of Mr. Gibson's declaration has caused a tremendous stir throughout the United States, and... political wiseacres are predicting that President Hoover, with his unrivalled first-hand acquaintance with Europe's problems, intends to pursue towards Europe a policy of "velled Wilsonism" and most friendly co-operation.

Senator Borah describes Mr. Gibson's speech as excellent.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Lord Cushenden's Views

London, Apr. 22.

At a meeting of the Preparatory Committee on disarmament at Geneva in reply to a statement made by Mr. Hugh Gibson, the United States delegate, Lord Cushenden, British delegate, said while it was impossible to deal adequately at this moment with the declaration, it struck him as being so important that he would make one or two observations upon it without delay.

No-one could fail to have been struck with the friendly, conciliatory and helpful spirit of the declaration, and he would say it was in that spirit that the British Government desired to approach this very complicated and difficult question. He could not commit himself at present to any specific proposition contained in Mr. Gibson's declaration, but as far as any general principle was concerned, there was nothing Mr. Gibson had said with which he could not express agreement.

He welcomed particularly Mr. Gibson's allusion to the Kellogg Pact, adding "having had the personal privilege of signing that great instrument on behalf of the British Government, I certainly am not disposed to belittle its importance. I believe it is most profoundly important with regard to the whole outlook of the world."

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TREASURY FRAUD SEQUEL.

CASE AGAINST BANK CONTINUED.

The Hongkong Government's action against the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, arising out of the sensational Treasury frauds of last year, continued yesterday.

The Government is suing the Bank for the re-crediting of a sum of \$250,407.93 as a sequel to the Treasury frauds for which Carvalho Yee was last year sentenced to ten years' hard labour.

Mr. Potter continued his opening address during the afternoon sitting of the Court, pointing out the differences in the writing on the disputed cheques as compared with other Government cheques. Dealing with the differences in Mr. Black's signature he said it was impossible to believe that the differences, which all occurred in the three disputed cheques and not in the genuine ones, could have occurred if they had been written by Mr. Black in the ordinary way.

With regard to what purported to be Mr. Messer's writing, the signatures were far too regular. They were well-formed and well-written signatures. Another difference was that the signatures were a long way from the edge of the cheque as compared with signatures on many other cheques examined.

Dealing with Tsang On-wing, Mr. Potter said that when he was cross-examined as a witness in the criminal trial it was put to him that the writing on the disputed cheques was not, in fact, his writing, and that he was in the swindle to defraud the Government. Tsang On-wing would be called in the present case and would say that the writing was not his. If the writing on the three disputed cheques was that of Tsang On-wing then he was just as much a criminal as Carvalho Yee, and should be in prison.

No Record in the Books.

Mr. Potter explained that when Tsang wrote the body of a cheque it was his duty to enter it up in the cash book. It was also his duty to make an entry in the cheque register when he drew a cheque. In addition there was a further register of vouchers to be kept up as Tsang must have a voucher before a cheque was drawn. No cases could be found of departures from these rules.

"If that man wrote the body of these three cheques he could not have done it innocently, because there is not a single record in any of those three books. Therefore it would be a waste of time for him to come here and say 'I drew those cheques quite honestly, because the first question would be where the entries were,'" continued Mr. Potter.

Counsel said that the cheques were some of those actually missing from the book of cheques. Tsang On-wing was the man who discovered the fraud, he never left his post and he was certainly not a knave.

Mr. Potter went on to explain that shortly before the end of December Tsang asked for a book of 200 cheques and the Bank sent a book containing 400. Tsang reported this to Mr. Messer and also said that he was 60 cheques short. Mr. Messer did not understand that Tsang was reporting a shortage of cheques but thought that he had not a sufficient number.

"A Madman's Act."

Another point touched on by Mr. Potter was the theft of the cheques, in which connexion he pointed out that there was not an entry in the Treasury books of any of the disputed cheques and no vouchers were to be found. If Tsang On-wing was in the swindle, and the handwriting in the bodies of the cheques was his, the signatures of Mr. Messer and Mr. Black having been obtained by a trick, why should 60 cheques be stolen? If that was so, there would be no

need to steal the cheques. "If Tsang On-wing was in the swindle it seems to be a madman's act."

Mr. Potter continued to deal with the handwriting of Carvalho Yee, saying he would show that Yee was, in fact, a man who was using different signatures and writing different types. Counsel did this by showing to the jury an example of Yee's handwriting in connexion with his opening accounts at the Instone Banking Corporation for Min Tak and Co. and the Netherlands Trading Society for Katz and Co.

Concluding his address on the question of forgery, Mr. Potter said there was no doubt that Carvalho Yee was skilful with the pen, and submitted that the evidence for the Crown was overwhelming.

The Defences.

Mr. Potter then went on to deal with the defences. After commenting that the first was a denial that the cheques were forged, counsel continued that paragraphs three to eight were to the effect that, assuming the cheques to have been forged, then the Government was prevented in law from alleging forgery because of certain acts of negligence.

Making a general statement in law, Mr. Potter said that the pleas were of no avail. Even assuming that the allegations of negligence were true, he would submit that they would not, in law, amount to negligence because the alleged negligence was not in the transaction itself, it was not the approximate cause of the loss. Negligence must be the cause. The approximate cause in the present case was the Bank paying forged cheques.

Continuing, Mr. Potter pointed out it was admitted that there was no special contract between the Government and the Bank and that was a matter of supreme importance to anyone in the Colony who had an account with the Hongkong Bank.

"Lord Help the Customers."

"I don't believe that the Directors of the Hongkong Bank can have read this defence or, if they read it, I don't think they can have appreciated what it means. I say that after careful consideration of this document, because if this defence is good in fact or in law then all I can say is Lord help the pair of the customers. If a position of the customers, if a cheque is stolen by my office boy, I am liable for the full extent of the forgery, according to this defence. If my office boy is unfaithful again I am liable for the full amount which that man may put upon my cheque. If I go to town and forget my cheque book, leaving it on the table, and someone steals my cheque book, I am liable for the full amount of that forgery."

Mr. Potter stated that that was not the law and as to fact, he did not think the jury would have any difficulty in negating such evidence.

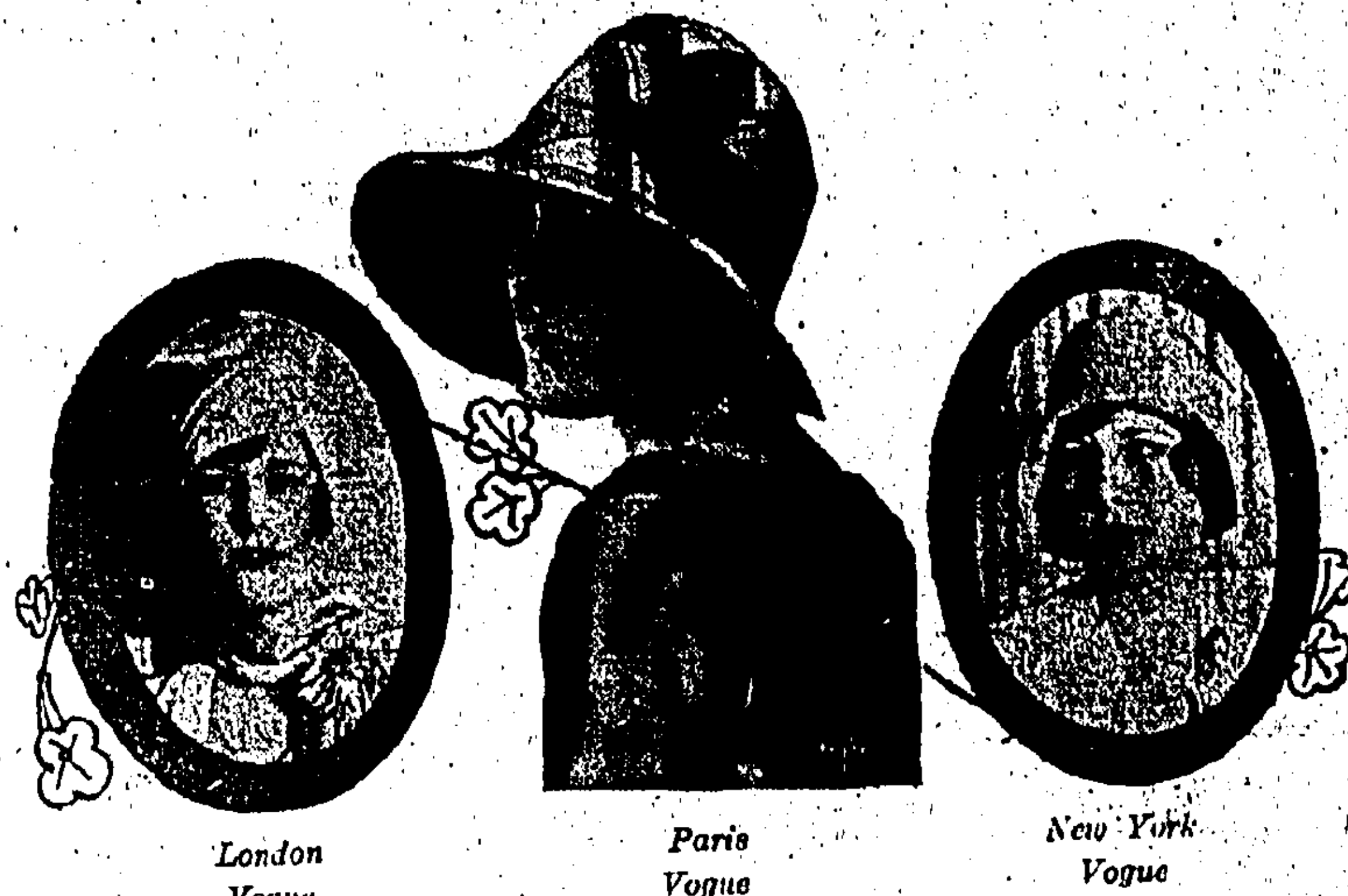
He quoted from the defence to the effect that it was the duty of the Government to take reasonable care to safeguard the Bank. In particular with regard to warning them of any irregular, unusual or suspicious circumstances; and that they should appoint and maintain competent and dutiful servants. Mr. Potter argued that there was no such duty on the customer but it was the other way about.

The Bank's Plea.

Another portion of the defence, giving particulars of negligence, was read by Mr. Potter to the effect that the Government failed to take such reasonable care and precaution whereby the Bank, to their prejudice, were not safeguarded; they were consequently misled with regard to the cheques and believing them to have been regularly drawn, they were induced to pay them as being genuine cheques.

In this connexion, Mr. Potter commented that he did not think there was an official of the Hongkong Bank who would come to Court and say that they were misled by the Government.

The case was adjourned.



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CONSERVANCY WORK.

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF KWANGTUNG BOARD.

The ninth annual report of the Board of Conservancy Works of Kwangtung, covering the period October 1, 1927, to September 30, 1928, and a report on the work now completed for the protection against floods of the Sunglung Valley, West River, have come to hand.

In an introduction, to the annual report, which has been prepared by Major G. W. Olivecrona, the Engineer in Chief, the Director General says:

It was fortunate that no serious floods occurred in the year under review. During the year the repair of the Kongha wash-out in the Poklaw district, East River, has been completed. Steps have also been taken to begin repairing the Tung On dyke in the East River district. The Sunglung Control Sluice as well as the Tallam, Silum and King Pook dykes in the West River districts have been brought to completion. Stone-filling has been continued at the Lupao Control Sluice in the North River district with a view to securing stability.

The question of protecting places subject to inundation has been engaging the full attention of the Board, but the Board has not been in a position to do much for financial reasons. The Board's original plan of raising a tax from the land receiving the benefit of the work to be done cannot yet be carried out. It is impossible to raise any more taxes from the peasants as they are overburdened with them, and any additional tax will be harmful to them before giving them any benefit. So for the present we have to stick to the policy of not killing our goose that is going to lay the golden egg.

Several projects, such as the improvement of the Canton Harbour and the repair of various dykes, have been worked out, and the Government has been requested to appropriate funds to carry

CORRESPONDENCE.

"A GREAT JOKE."

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—Your reporter, in his account of the regrettable affair in which I was involved at the Police Court, stated that I said I regarded it as "A great joke." What I said was that the apology I sent to Mr. Dobble, with reference to a quite another matter, was a great joke, which is a very different story.

Your reporter also makes me state to the Magistrate: "In the first place I am right in saying that this regrettable affair," etc. Whereas what I did say was: "In the first place I believe that I am right in saying," etc., which also is a very different matter. Will you kindly publish this letter in your next issue?—Yours, etc., W. A. DONALDSON.

out these projects. However, the Board will be in a better position if the people in various places will follow the example given by the enthusiastic inhabitants in the Sunglung valley and assist the Board with funds raised locally.

In forwarding his report to the Director General, Major Olivecrona wrote:

The big wash-out at Kongha, Poklaw District, East River in 1923 has been successfully closed, this saving much land from future inundation.

Some completion work has been carried on at Sunglung Control Sluice, and on the Tallam, Silum and King Pook Dykes.

Additional stone fill has been made at Lupao Sluice in order to strengthen the apron.

Several schemes to reclaim land, now exposed to yearly inundation, have been compiled and are now waiting for financial support to be carried out.

The Engineering Assistant, Captain N. R. Bjuke, has been on home leave from December 1927, to September, 1928.

AMERICAN FARMERS.

MR. HOOVER DISAPPROVES EXPORTS DEBENTURES.

Washington, Apr. 22.

Mr. Hoover has sent a letter to Mr. McNary, the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, declaring that the export debenture plan to assist farmers is bad and unworkable, and expressing the opinion that it will create profiteering, with resultant disaster to the farmer himself.

Mr. Mellon has also written to the Committee declaring that the proposed debenture is indistinguishable from a cash bounty on exports. "It is hardly to be assumed that foreign countries, with important agricultural interests to protect, will permit their producers to be subjected to a price war subsidised from the United States Treasury without adopting protective measures."—*Reuter's American Service.*

Official Australian Protest.

Canberra, Apr. 22.

A Commonwealth Note to the United States Government on the proposed alteration in the American tariff, on the basis of it being unfavourable towards Australia, refers to the unfavourable trade balance between Australia and America and the possibility of a diversion of trade from America to British and other countries with which the Commonwealth has favourable trade relations.

It emphasises that if further restrictions are imposed on Australian trade by tariff increases, feeling against American trade preponderance will grow. Australia desires a maintenance of mutually profitable and amicable trade relations between the two countries.

The Note shows that in the year 1927-28, imports into Australia from America were \$34,000,000, while Australian exports to America were only \$9,000,000. Wool exports to America declined considerably, while Australian imports of American motor-cars and accessories increased in a decade from \$65,000,000 to \$44,000,000.—*Reuter.*

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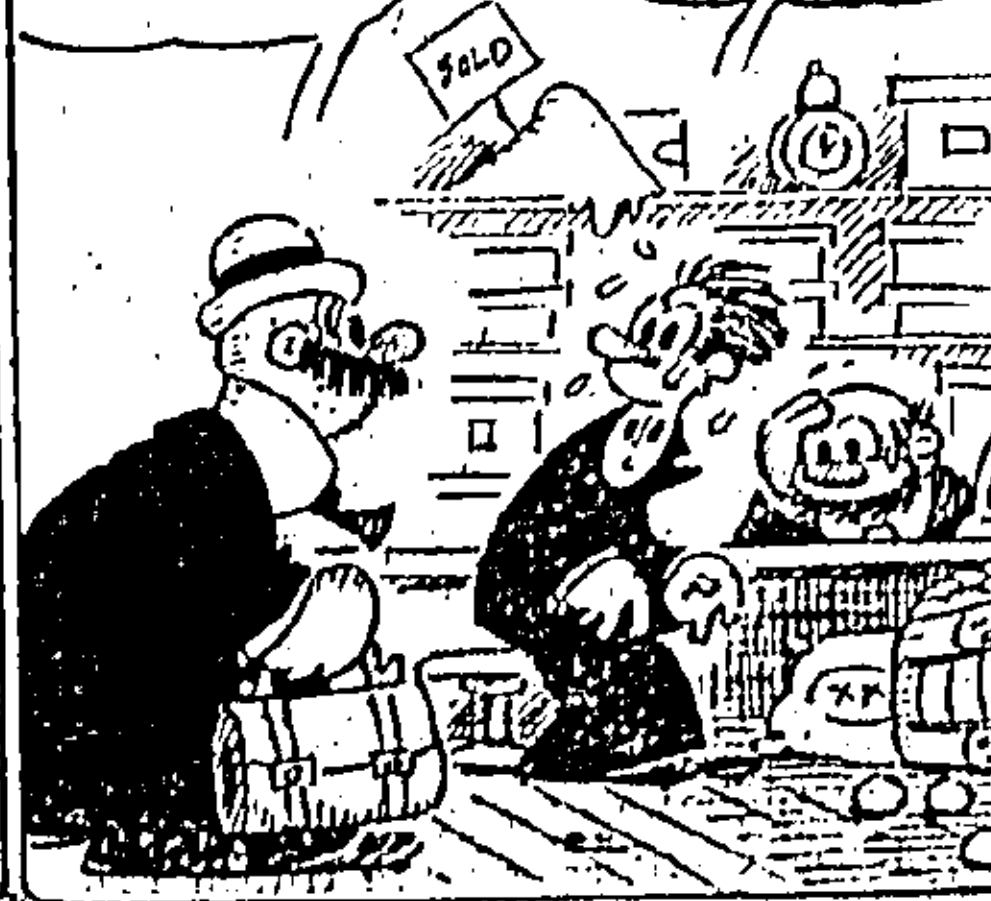


AFTER FORGETTING TO GIVE GUZZLES \$4400 TO OLD MAN DRIGABLE AS FINAL PAYMENT ON THE BLIMP, SAM DECIDED TO STAY AROUND ALL NIGHT, WITH THE MONEY, IN ORDER TO KEEP FROM BEING ROBBED. THEN THE DOUGH FELL OUT OF THE BLIMP AND VANISHED.

I TOLD MR. DRIGABLE I LOST THE MONEY AN' HE'S COMIN' IN TA TAKE THE BLIMP. HONEST, GUZZ, I FEEL TERRIBLE.



WELL, I SUPPOSE YOU GENTS ARE PREPARED TO SAY GOOD-BYE TO THE BLIMP.



IT'S A CASE OF HAFIA—BUT IT'S GONNA BE HARD TA PART WITH IT.



WELL, I'LL BE A BIT CONSIDERATE—YOU CAN USE IT FOR THE REST OF TODAY—I WON'T TAKE IT TILL TOMORROW.



2. THANKS! WE CAN MAKE A FEW MORE DELIVERIES.

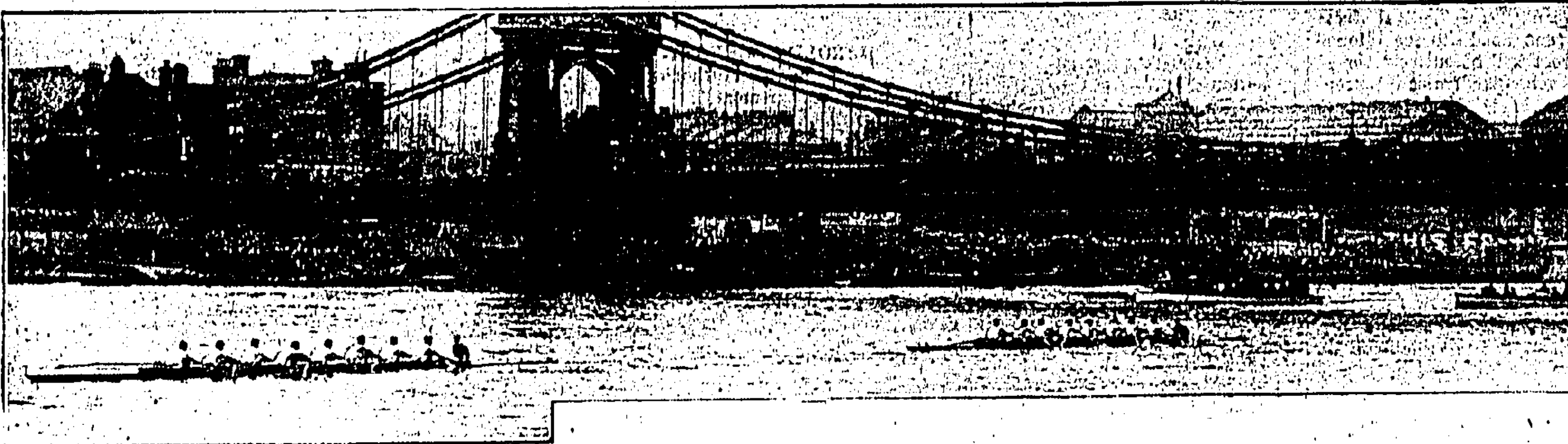


WELL, GUZZ, LEAVIN' THE OLD CLIMP TILL IN TH' MORNING WAS KINDA DECENT OF HIM ANYWAY.

YEAH! BUT THEN IT'S A GONER. WHAT A PUNK. WAY TA START IN NEW YEAR.



A photograph of the Oxford crew training at Putney. (Times copyright).



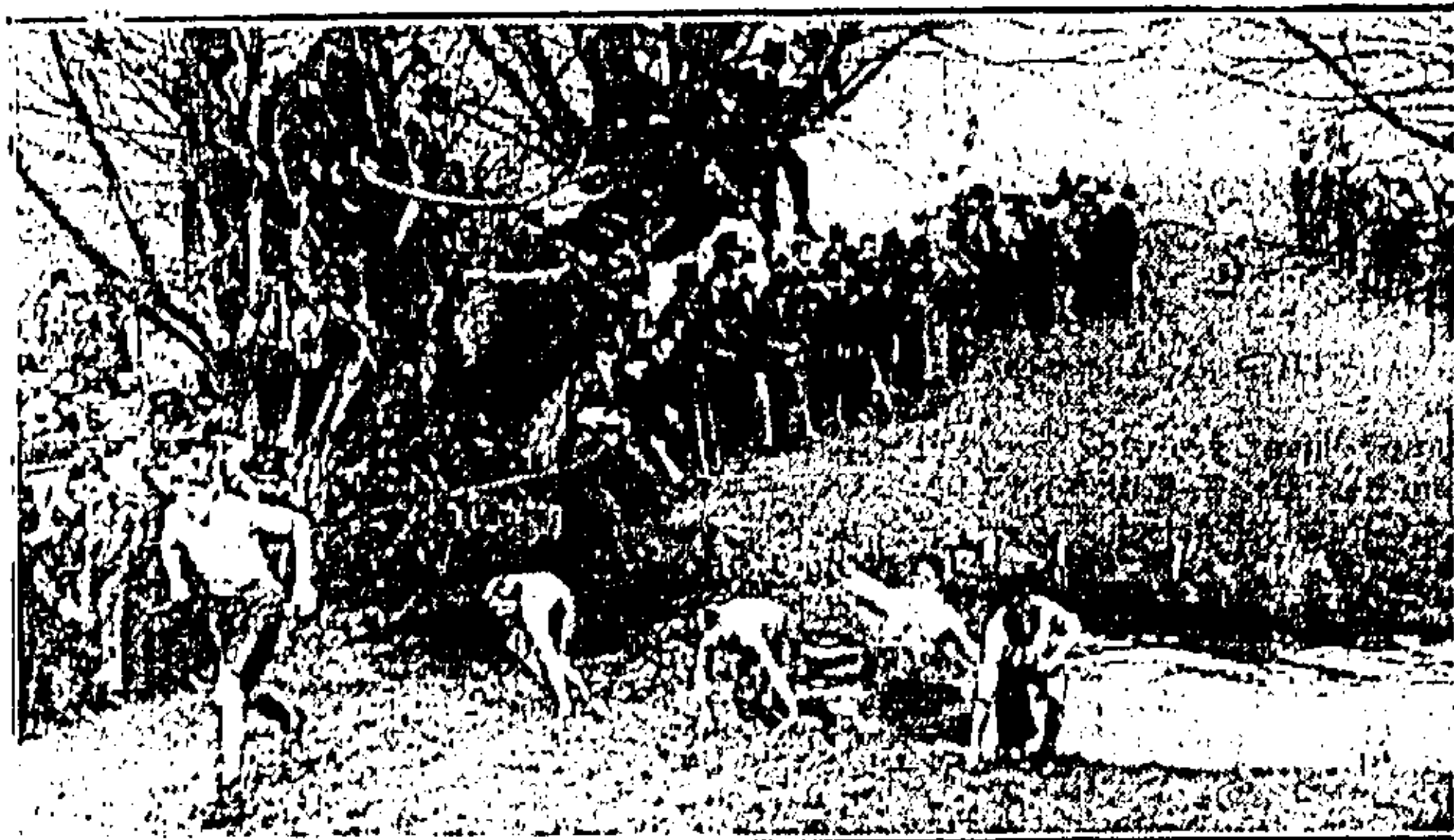
Cambridge won the Contenary Boat Race boating Oxford by seven lengths in the good time of 19min. 24 sec. Our photograph shows the race at Hammersmith Bridge, at which point Cambridge had established a clear lead, which was never lost. (Times copyright)



A photograph of the Cambridge crew in training at Putney. (Times copyright).



Carmelo Castagno, the maestro of the Italian Grand Opera Company.



The School Steeplechases were held at Eton. Our picture shows competitors in the Junior Steeplechase crossing the brook Jordan.



Signor Frera, one of the leading tenors of the Italian Opera Co., who open a season at the Star to-morrow.



A picture of one of the old city gates at Katingyuen, which lies between Shanghai and Wusih.



Signorina Ersanilla, a coloratura soprano, a principal of the Italian Opera Co.



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Mr. A. Scheel of Messrs. Melchers and Co. and Miss E. Reaner who were recently married at the German Church Shanghai.



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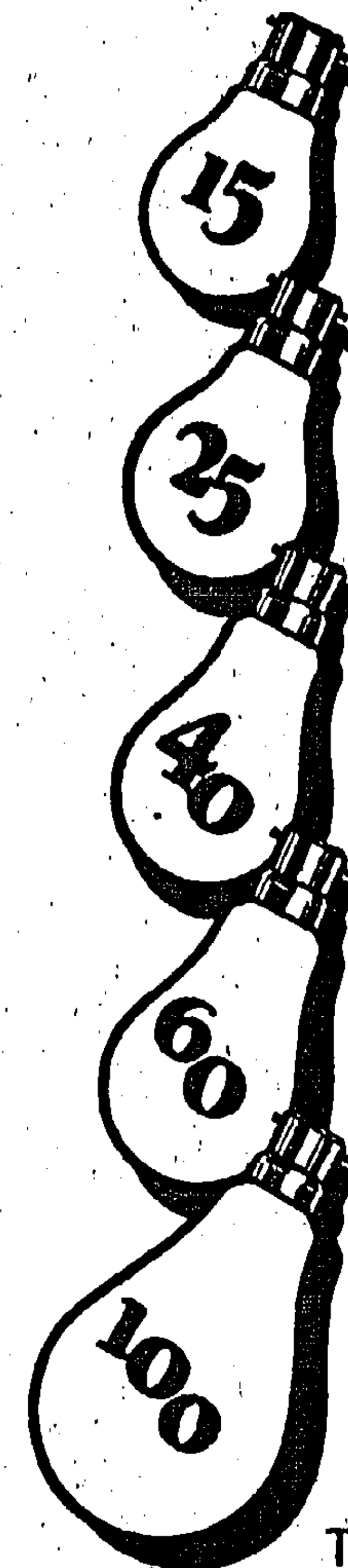
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THE HONGKONG SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Monday, 29th April, 1929, at 5.15 p.m.

J. C. K. HUGHANAN,
Hon. Secretary.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

By kind permission of Lt.-Col. C. H. Little, D.S.O. and Officers the Band and Bugles of the 1st Battalion, the Somerset Light Infantry will play the following programme of music on the Cricket Club's ground (by Courtesy) at 5.30 p.m. To-day.

1. Fanfare of Bugles.
 2. The Retreat.
 3. March. Sambre at Meuse.
 4. Bugle March Windsor.
 5. Descriptive Piece The Ride of St. George.
 6. Bugle March. Old Faithful.
 7. Grand Fantasia of English Songs.
 8. Marching thro' Georgia.
- Rule Britannia.
The Evening Hymn.
Regt. March. Prince Albert God Save The King.
Conductor. Mr. E. J. Woolcott.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

On the occasion of the landing at Queen's Pier of H. R. H. The Duke of Gloucester, on Thursday, the 25th April, the Verandahs of the Club will be opened to wives of Members and Service Members and their lady friends only, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

By Order,

T. A. ROBERTSON,
Lieut. Col., Secretary,
Hongkong, 17th April, 1929.

THE SIMPLEX PLASTER COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifth Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Registered Office, 2nd floor, Powell's Building, Des Voeux Road, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 26th April, 1929, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1928.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 19th April to 26th April, 1929, both days inclusive.

THE HONGKONG EXCAVATION, PILE DRIVING AND CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 19th April, 1929.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Fourth Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 27th April, 1929, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

The first bell will be rung at 2 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1. for all persons including Ladies. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5 each up to Friday, 26th April, 1929.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2.

Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac Men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during Race Meetings.

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NOTICE.

The Public are hereby notified of the following Traffic arrangements which will be enforced during the landing of H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester on Thursday, the 25th inst. and the reception on the H.K. Cricket Club Ground on the 26th inst.

1. Connaught Road Central from Pedder Street to Jackson Road will be entirely closed from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Vehicular traffic will proceed via Des Voeux Road Central.
2. Queen's Road Central from Garden Road to Ice House Street will be entirely closed to vehicular traffic (except tram cars) from 11 a.m. to 12 Noon. West bound traffic will be diverted by way of Murray and Chater Roads. East bound traffic from Queen's Road Central by way of Pedder Street, Chater Road and Murray Road.
3. No motor cars will be permitted to park in City Hall Square, Statue Square, Wardley Street and Chater Road from Statue Square to Murray Road between 10 a.m. and 12 Noon.
4. Guests invited to attend at Queen's Pier on 25-4-29 will proceed by way of Murray Road and Connaught Road Central to the Hongkong Club where they will alight and walk to the Pier. Cars to be parked in Connaught Road Central east of the Hongkong Club. At the conclusion of the reception on the pier, the guests will walk to the City Hall by way of Statue Square and Wardley Street. At 11.30 a.m. the cars parked in Connaught Road Central east of Hongkong Club may be allowed to proceed to Wardley Street and Statue Square.
5. No bus traffic will be permitted west of Garden Road between 10.45 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.
6. Traffic proceeding to and from the Upper Levels between 10.30 and 12.30 will be diverted by way of Ice House Street, Lower Albert Road, Wyndham Street and Arbutnot Road and Vice Versa.
7. Wardley Street between Queen's Road Central and Des Voeux Road Central will be entirely closed to traffic between 10.30 and 12.30 hours, except for parking as in Para. 4.
8. Kennedy Road will be entirely closed to vehicular traffic from 4 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, 26TH INST.

- Reception at the Hongkong Cricket Ground.
1. Guests arriving from the west of Jackson Road will enter the Cricket Ground by the gate in Queen's Road Central.
 2. Guests arriving from Garden Road and from east of Murray Road will enter by the gate in Murray Road.
 3. Exit will be by gates in Queen's Road Central and Murray Road.
 4. Cars will not be allowed to approach the gate in Queen's Road Central to pick up owners or passengers.
 5. Cars will be parked in Chater Road, Jackson Road outside Hongkong Club, and Connaught Road near the V.R.C.
 6. Connaught Road Central east of Star Ferry and Chater Road east of Queen's Statue will be closed to vehicular traffic between 3.30 and 5 p.m.
 7. Traffic will proceed via Pedder Street and Des Voeux Road Central.

T. H. KING,
Capt. Supt. of Police,
Hongkong, 22nd April, 1929.

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and

A Quantity of Blackwood Furniture.

On View from Tuesday, the 23rd April, 1929.

Catalogues will be issued.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions from Rev. Mr. G. E. S. Updell to sell by Public Auction,

on MONDAY,

the 29th April, 1929,

commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at No. 5, Queen's Gardens

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

and

A Quantity of Blackwood Ware.

(Catalogues will be issued.)

On View from Sunday, the 28th April, 1929.

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NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

On and from Monday, 29th April, 1929, our Offices will be removed to:

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HERBERT R. STURT,
Manager.
Hongkong, 22nd April, 1929.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED.

The Ordinary General Meeting of the above Company will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on Monday, the 29th of April, 1929, at 11 a.m.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 25th of April to 29th of April, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS L'APRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.

G. R.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WATER SUPPLY.

The quantity of water in the storage reservoirs has fallen so low that further restrictive measures are under consideration, and should an adequate rainfall not occur before the end of April, the water supply in Hongkong and Kowloon will be cut off daily between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. from the 1st May.

The most rigid economy in the consumption of water is now essential, and the co-operation of the public in preventing waste is again earnestly requested.

HAROLD T. CREASY,

Water Authority,
Public Works Department,
Hongkong, 19th April, 1929.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1230 s.

Chartered Bank, \$194 s.

Morantville & B., \$34 n.

P. and O., \$94 n.

East Asia \$904 n.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$695 b.

Union Ins., \$378 s.

North China Ins., \$160 b.

Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.

China Underwriters, \$240 s.

China Fire, \$290 b.

H. K. Fire Ins., \$765 b.

Shipping.

Douglas, \$36 s.

H. K. Steamboats, \$241 s.

H. K. Tugs, \$240 n.

Indo-China, (Def.) \$92 n.

Union Waterboats, \$221 n.

Mining.

Benguet, \$21 b.

Kailans, 65/- n.

Langkai, \$14 n.

Shui Explorations, \$12.90 s.

Raupe, \$6 65 b.

Tronoh, 17/6 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$123 b.

Whampoa Docks, \$36 s.

China Providentia, \$4.10 b.

Hongkows, \$178 b.

New Engineering, \$15.60 b.

Shanghai Docks, \$12.27 n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, \$12.25 s.

Oriental, \$1.95 b.

Shai Cottons, \$1.73 (old) n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$8.70 b.

H. K. Lands, \$614 s.

Shai Lands, \$143 b.

X. Rights Humphreys, \$14 25 b.

Realties, \$8 35 b.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$18.30 s.

Peak Trams, (old) \$121 b.

Star Ferries, \$671 n.

China Lights, (Old) \$13.45 s.

H. K. Electric, \$551 b.

Macao Electric, \$267 n.

Telephones, \$7 b.

China Buses, \$13 b.

Singapore Tractions, 11/6 n.

Industrials.

China Sugars, \$1.00 s.

Malabons, \$27 b.

Canton Ice, \$1.90 s.

Cements (Comb.), \$8.50 s.

Ropes (Old) \$7 s.

United Asbestos, \$5 n.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$191 s.

Watsons, \$13.20 n.

Der A. Wings, 80 b.

Lane Crawfords, \$24 s.

Mackintosh, \$18 b.

Sinceres, \$12 b.

Miscellaneous.

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Constructions, \$1.25 s.

B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 66 1/2%

H.K.G. Loan 7 1/2% Prom. Interest.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

RADIO NOTICES.

The Radio Office is now situated on the ground floor of the P. & O. Building on Des Voeux Road, next to the General Post Office. This office is open day and night.

All particulars as to ships in communication, rates, etc., may be obtained at the Radio Office as above.

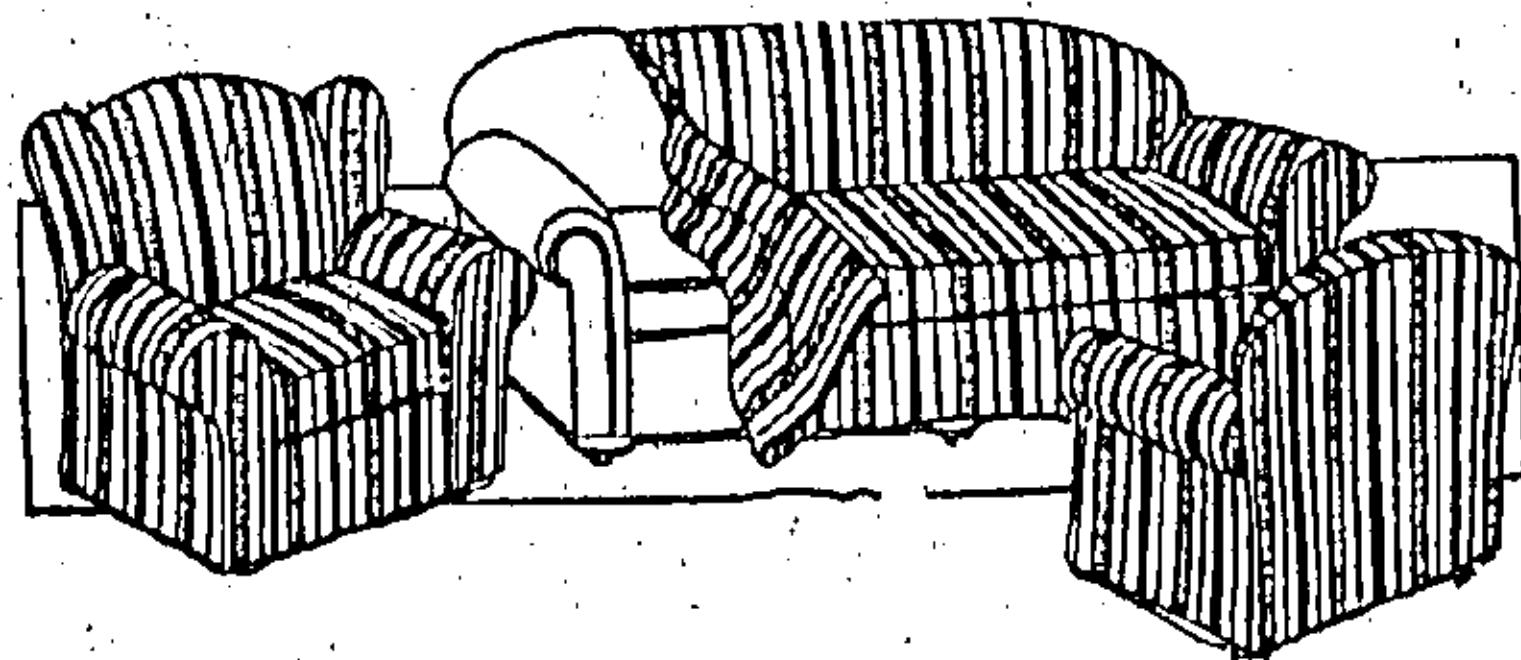
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WOMAN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.



The dress on the left has a pair of kerchiefs arranged very artistically, while the bride on the right looks very charming in beige lace fashioned with touches of orchid chiffon.

Matters of Interest.

JADE AND CRYSTAL BAG HANDLE.

A square frame of carved Styrian jade with a crystal figure forming the clasp makes an appropriate handle for a bag-shaped bag of Chinese embroidery. The embroidery is in tones of seafoam, green, and blue on a background of parchment colour and black. The bag can be used for either afternoon or evening functions.

The New Flowers.

Petals of palest beige organdie sprinkled with spots of black chenille make attractive button-holes designed for Spring suits. The petals are made in large "floppy" flowers, in bunches of two or three, and the chenille spots weight the petals so that they droop in a fashionably ragged manner.

Crystal Shoulder Straps.

Shoulder straps of crystal beads closely sewn to a background of flesh pink chiffon are used to brighten a dinner frock of black chiffon and lace. The dress is simply made with alternative bands of chiffon and lace, and the crystal beads appear again in a large circular ornament placed at the waist.

Bead and Copper Necklaces.

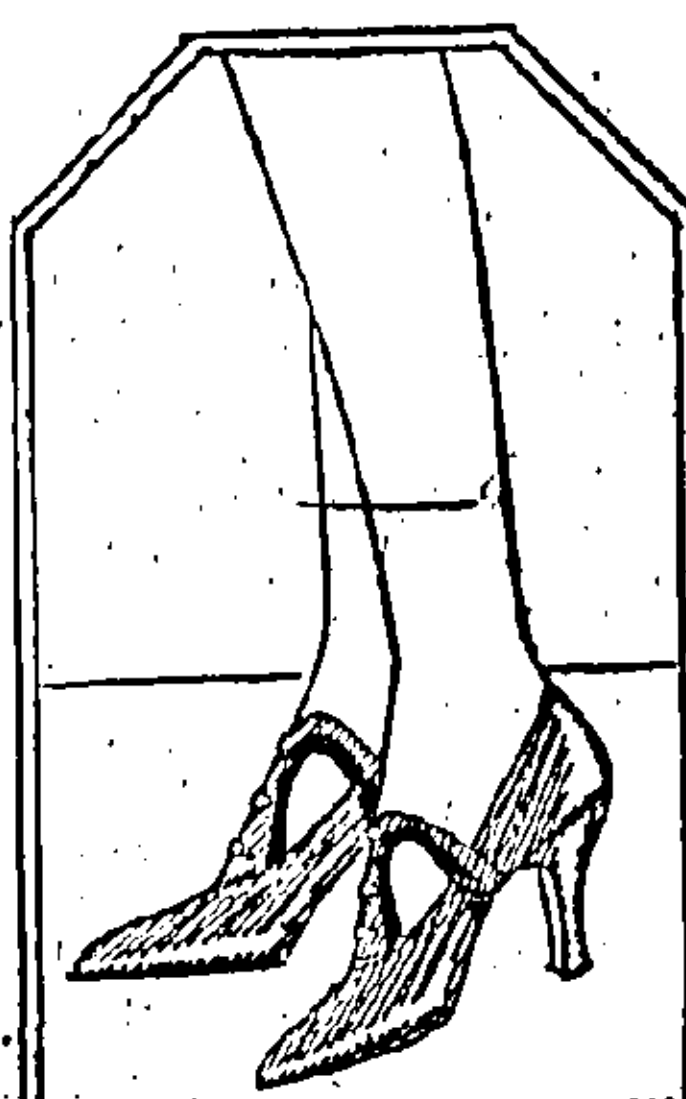
Graduated round beads in a curious dull shade of turquoise blue or yellow are being used with small, round plates of copper for the new necklaces. The copper plates fit over the beads like small shallow cups, so that half the surface of each bead is hidden by the metal, and each necklace has a large, worked metal clasp.

Tri-Colour Jumpers.

Tri-colour schemes are still popular for sports wear, and the latest example of this fashion is a sweater of loosely-knitted cream wool, with triangles of red and blue scattered over it. The triangles are arranged singly and in interlocking groups, to form a border at the neck, sleeves and hem, and the reds and blues are cleverly shaded in bright and subdued tones.

Flowered Shoes.

Pastel coloured crepe de Chine embroidered with posies of flowers makes attractive shoes for little girls, and these are designed for wear with dainty frocks. The shoes are made with flat heels and narrow straps round the ankle, and in many cases can be bought to match the flowered crepe de Chine frocks, which are both practical and charming for children.



This high-cut semi-sports shoe of sunburst kid and water snake for the saddle trim is smart for afternoon wear.

Fashion Notes.

THE SHOULDER-STRAP PROBLEM.

It is not very often that a new season's fashions arrive without bringing in their train half a dozen problems to be solved in some way or other, often by considerable ingenuity.

The narrow shoulder-strap on some of the latest evening gowns, for example, make it necessary for the strap on the lingerie worn beneath to be more decorative than the bands of silk ribbon which used to be worn. The difficulty can be surmounted by the use of narrow strips of fine red or gold beaded with silver, or gold beads, or sequins, that the original material is not seen.

These are also made with tiny coloured stones placed at intervals. These should, of course, be chosen to match the frock.

The embroidery is so flat that there is no danger of the delicate chiffon or lace on the dress being caught or torn. The strap of net serves to hold both chemise and combination at the same time.

Hairpins Again.

Manufacturers of hairpins and fancy combs nearly found themselves faced with ruin when the era of bobbed hair arrived. And it is significant that, to-day, one can only buy the despised hairpin at the hairdressers or in one of the large shops. The small draper who formerly did a good trade in them, now finds it unprofitable to keep any in stock.

But if some of the new coiffures become popular, and women wear their hair a little longer, and adopt a few ringlets, the hairpin and the fancy comb may come back again, for some means of keeping the hair in place will certainly be needed. For the evening, it will have to be something that harmonises with the dress in such a way as to be unobtrusive.

Accessories.

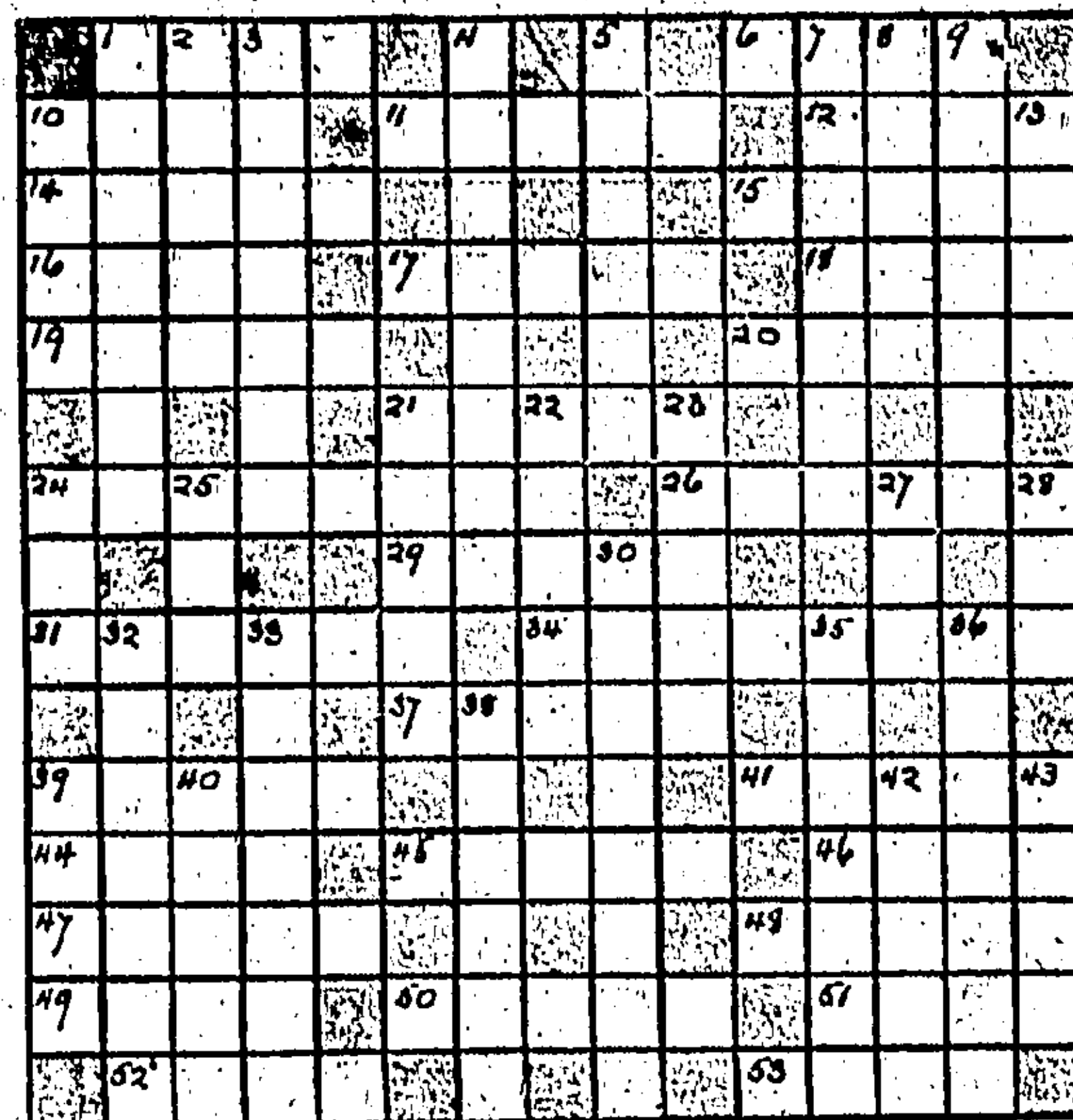
THE LITTLE NOTHINGS OF DRESS.

The little nothings in dress are important, and the Parisienne is past-mistress in the art of turning the little "nothings" to good account. She has a way of giving interest to a silver lace scarf, knotted at the waist, or crossed in *fleur-de-lis* style, or of calling attention to an unexpected chiffon *pouffe* ending in an elusive train. Unheeding of trend-suggestion, she may, perhaps, insist on Grecian draperies which can look uncommonly attractive in connexion with such things as georgette and chiffon. She attaches importance to collars and cuffs, scarves, &c. Organdi collars and cuffs she loves, and flowers she revels in. She will pin a flower to the shoulder of her evening or afternoon frock, and the button-hole of her *tailleur* is always well supplied.

All-diamonds, diamonds and emeralds, and diamonds and sapphires seem to be her favourite jewels. And her gowns are adapted to her jewels, instead of her jewels to her gowns. She chooses her dresses in pastel colourings, and sometimes, for gala occasions, in strange colour schemes with embroidered, marvellously executed. She is rather addicted to wearing three rows of pearls in different colours, as, for instance, white, rose, and pale green. She loves very long green earrings, or immense diamond ones, after the fashion of Raquel Meller. The motto of a well-dressed Parisienne nowadays seems to be, "Not want to wear, but how to wear it!"

for the present sleek unadorned coiffure provides the necessary foil to the gown.

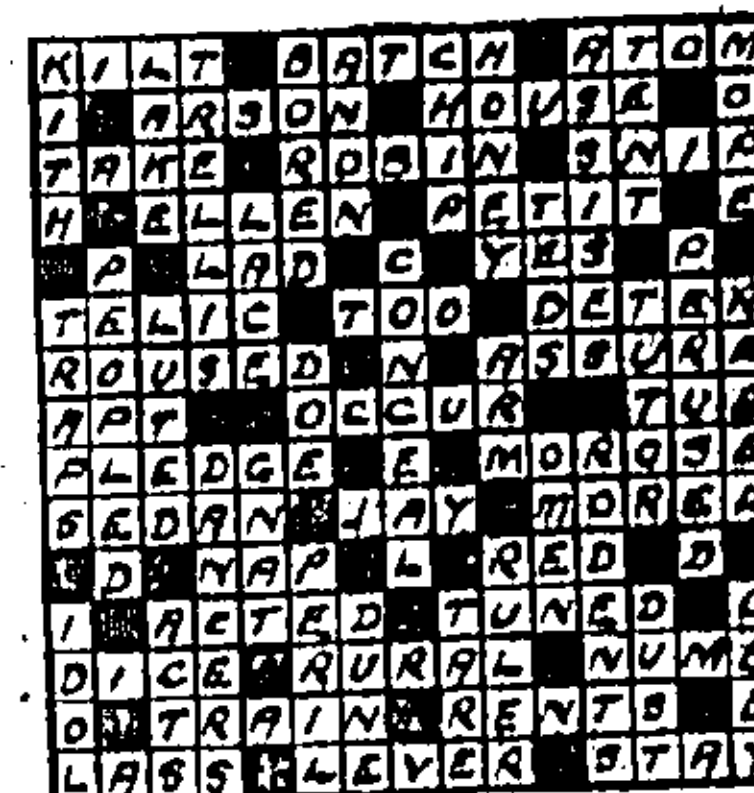
OUR NEW BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



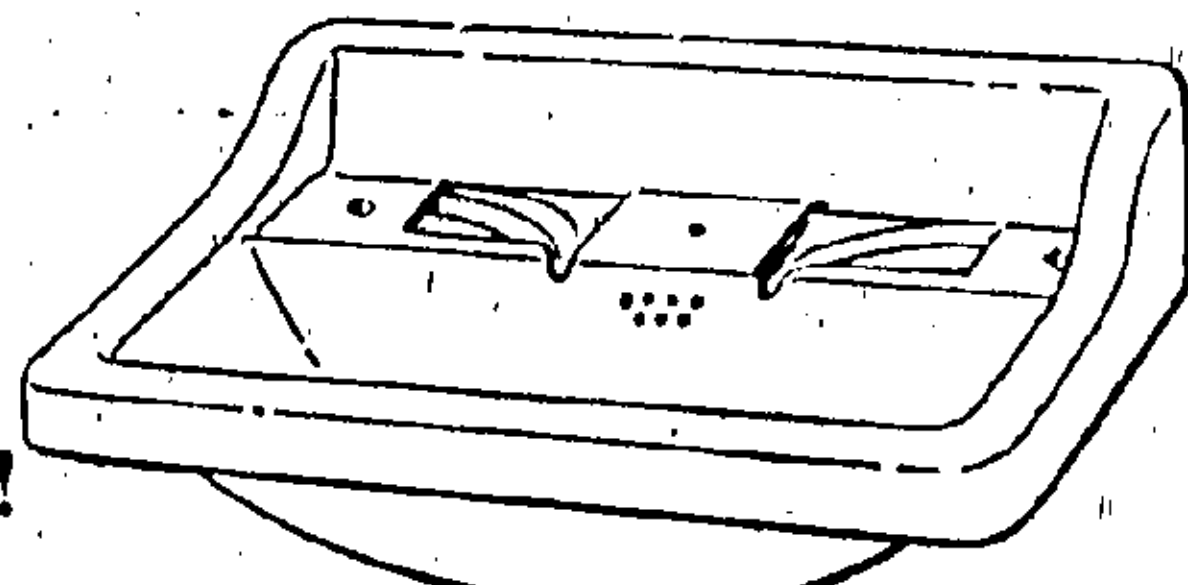
- Across
- Knowledge.
 - Hebrew month.
 - Trim by shaving.
 - Knot.
 - Brazilian coin.
 - Pertaining to an area.
 - Mark in writing.
 - Old British coin.
 - Babble.
 - Poll.
 - Root.
 - Precipitous.
 - Nautical order to stop.
 - Veiled.
 - Composed.
 - Ex-rulers in Europe.
 - Unwilling.
 - Rustics.
 - Walking-stick.
 - Exult.
 - Projecting quays.
 - One of a European race.
 - Sell.
 - Vetch.
 - Pierce.
 - Ancient language.
 - Wound.
 - Young lady.
 - Be directed.
 - Formerly.
 - Iceberg.

- Down
- Bag's nest.
 - Choose again.
 - Young salmon.
 - Face.
 - Well-known flower.
 - Fit.
 - Deception of barley.
 - Collection of sayings.
 - Observe.
 - Element of an electrolyte.
 - Entity.
 - Legible.
 - Bed-hanging.
 - Rat-catchers.
 - Sit.
 - Besprinkling with tar.
 - Boiler of soldiers.
 - Gives sparingly.
 - Holy table.
 - Consumer.
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IF HE DIDN'T GO TO
ARABIA? THE POST
CARD SAYS ARABIA!

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POP FIGURED IT
ALL OUT FOR
ME....

HIS UNCLE CLEANS RANCH
IN WYOMING IS CALLED
ARABIA, AN' THAT'S WHERE
HE SENT THIS CARD FROM—
CAN YOU IMAGINE US ALL
BEING SO DUMB AS
TO FALL FOR ALL OF
THIS FLYING TO ARABIA
STUFF OF HIS!!

AN' HE LET
US ALL THINK
IT WAS THE
ARABIA IN OUR
GEOGRAPHY
THAT HE WAS
GOING TO!!

WE SHOULD KNOW
IN THE FIRST PLACE
THAT HE COULDN'T
FLY ACROSS ANY OCEAN
IN THAT DINKY AIRPLANE
THAT HE MADE—ALL
HE IS A BIG
FAKER!! WAIT!!
HE COMES HOME!!

YES, BUT HIS
AIRPLANE IS
GONE SO HE
MUSTA FLEW
TO HIS UNCLE'S
RANCH IN IT
AT LEAST!!

THAT'S RIGHT—WELL,
Mebbe he did fly
to ARABIA AFTER ALL
BUT NOT IN ARABIA.
WE THOUGHT IT
WAS!!

I'M SICK OF HEARIN'
ABOUT ARABIA—
ARABIA—I GOTTA
GO AN' DO SOME
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ENGLAND'S DAY.

Exiled Englishmen will to-day be celebrating the feast-day of their Patron Saint, coupling with it a remembrance of the fact that it is also the anniversary of the birth of their National Bard. Here in Hongkong the season of the year does not lend itself to elaborate observances, but it is distinctly gratifying to find that the day is not to be allowed to pass unnoticed. Indeed, the programme drawn up is of a character which does much credit to its organisers. In particular, we are pleased to note that the Service men, so many of whom are Englishmen, are not forgotten. Moreover, something of a novelty for Hongkong is promised for to-night, when the President of the St. George's Society is to broadcast a talk on England. This will be the first time on which radio has been utilised locally for an occasion of this character.

Of St. George himself little need be said. Some doubt whether he ever existed, but there now seems general agreement that he was a member of a noble Christian family who suffered a martyr's death as a consequence of his rebuking the Emperor Diocletian for his persecution of Christianity in A.D. 303. He became canonised in 1222, but it was not until 1349 that he was recognised as the Patron Saint of England by Edward III. His association with the Dragon is generally regarded as a legendary embellishment. However, whether St. George was a real personage or the product of a fanciful imagination really does not greatly matter; suffice it for Englishmen that he is their Patron Saint and that his feast-day provides an occasion on which to turn to national thought and to recall the ideals for which England has stood in the past and for which she still stands to-day. Great have been the achievements of Englishmen in the arts and sciences; and in the stern days of war, on land and sea, England has never lacked great leaders at the head of equally brave and courageous men. It is, therefore, fitting that on one day in the year these things should be borne in mind. St. George's Day also revives in the minds of Englishmen abroad memories of the dear Old Country, recalling visions maybe of the white cliffs of Dover, the leafy

lanes of Wiltshire, the rugged coast of Cornwall. And inevitably as these things press in upon the exiled Englishman's thoughts he begins to wonder why he left the Motherland. But, separated from England by the seas though he be, he can carry with him those fine traditions for which his country has won a proud place in history. That is his duty; that, his privilege.

We shall not be mis-stating the truth, we think, if we say that there is not with the English quite that same fervid national spirit that we have come to associate with the Scots. That may possibly be because the Englishman is rather more apt to think in terms of county than of country—the Devonian, for example, is a Devonian first and an Englishman after; whereas the Flir is above all else a Scot, and only incidentally a native of Fife. That is why St. George's Day is not usually marked by that same measure of intense national feeling which we have become accustomed to see generated when Scotmen foregather on St. Andrew's Day. But this merely illustrates a difference in outlook between the two races—a difference which would provide an interesting point for discussion had we the space at our command. Suffice it to say, however, that the Englishman is second to none in love and admiration for his native land and for those great men and women who have played a leading part in its wonderful and inspiring history. So to-day, we offer to our English friends our felicitations on this their National Festival.

Health Campaigns.

The opening of the annual health campaign organised by the Hongkong Chinese Medical Association with the co-operation of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. was marked by an eminently practical address by the Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington, the Colony's new Director of Medical and Sanitary Services. More than ordinary interest attached to Dr. Wellington's comments as the gathering afforded him the first opportunity, we believe, of getting into closer touch with the general public, while he dealt with a subject impossible to over-elaborate in this Colony, the relation of personal hygiene to health. We were particularly struck by his brief reference to the disgusting habit of spitting. He drew attention to the fact that the habit had been stopped, for all practical purposes, in England in the course of a few years by means of benevolent propaganda. The working man had come to understand that spitting spreads consumption, and the danger realised, he now refrains. If similar propaganda could be spread throughout Hongkong, it would be of inestimable benefit to the community. We doubt, indeed, if there could be any health teaching offering more practical reward. It must have occurred to Dr. Wellington that the H.C.M.A. health campaign, though extremely valuable, is limited in the scope of its operation, that its achievements must be measured by the distance of its reach to the masses. If so, we wonder whether he has considered ways and means of carrying their desirable objects to a further point. It is not general propaganda of the type planned for the Y.M.C.A. lectures this week that is required, but the treatment of one thing at a time, well driven home. We could have an Anti-Spitting Week, an Anti-Malaria Week and so on until the place begins to earn a reputation as a health resort! The organisation must, however, be on a very large scale to be really useful, and it seems to us that Dr. Wellington's Department is the obvious centre.

Owing to the visit of the Duke of Gloucester, the General Committee meeting of the New Territories Agricultural Show to be held on April 27, has been postponed until May 11 at 2.45 p.m. at Tung Ying Ho Po (Sir Robert Ho Tung's experimental farm) at Sheungshui.

DAY BY DAY.

I HAVE LIVED LONG ENOUGH TO KNOW WHAT I DID NOT AT ONE TIME BELIEVE THAT NO SOCIETY CAN BE UPHOLD IN HAPPINESS AND HONOUR WITHOUT THE SENTIMENT OF RELIGION.—La Place.

H.M.S. Carysfort left Shanghai yesterday for Nanking.

Lieut. V. G. D. Mansell has been appointed to H. M. S. Titania.

H.M.S. Dartmouth arrived at Singapore yesterday from Hongkong.

Surgn. Lieut. (D) G. G. Cruikshank, L.D.S., has been appointed to H. M. S. Tamar.

Mr. J. P. Bourne, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., returned from Shanghai by the a.s. President Pierce.

The B.I. a.s. Talamba, from Singapore, is due here on the 28th instant, whilst the P. and O. a.s. Allport is due from Shanghai at 6 p.m. to-morrow.

Mr. W. B. Finnigan, Registrar of the Hongkong University is to distribute the prizes to students of the Docksin English School on Saturday evening.

The marriage of Miss Louisa Gill and Mr. A. M. B. da Rocha will take place at the Rosary Church, Kowloon, to-morrow, the 24th instant, at 4.30 p.m. and not 3.30 p.m. as previously stated.

Amongst the passengers who arrived on the a.s. President Pierce were Mr. M. J. Buckley, Freight Traffic Manager of the Dollar Steamship Line, who is on a business trip to the Far East, accompanied by his wife; Mr. Chan Tsai-hay, Chief Secretary of the China Aeronautic Association, on his way to Canton; and Mr. H. R. Ekins, en route to Manila to become Manager of the Manila bureau of the United Press Association, being accompanied by his wife.

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1—Opening Bids.

An opening bid by third or fourth hand may be made only when greater strength is held than is required for an initial bid (by first or second hand). The reason is apparent when you consider the fact that the first or second hand by passing announces that the requisite strength for an initial bid is missing. Additional strength therefore must be held by third and fourth hands, respectively, to compensate for the obviously missing strength in partner's hand.

Third hand to make an opening suit bid should hold at least 2½ quick tricks, and to make a no trump bid should hold at least 2½ to 3 quick tricks with three suits stopped.

Fourth hand to make an opening suit bid should hold at least 3 quick tricks, and to bid a no trump, 3½, with three suits stopped.

The quick trick table of opening bids by third and fourth hands as compared with first and second hands is as follows:

First hand, 2 quick tricks in suit; 2 in no trump.
Second hand, if first hand passed, 2 quick tricks in suit; 2 in no trump.

Third hand, if first and second hand passed, 2½ quick tricks in suit; 2½ to 3 in no trump.

Fourth hand, if first, second and third hand passed, 3 quick tricks in suit; 3½ in no trump.

From this it is obvious that a player holding four quick tricks should bid, no matter what the player's position may be.

Beginners very often open fourth hands on weaker holdings than those set forth in the above table. Time and experience teach them the folly of this policy. Some experienced players, however, believe that three quick tricks are sufficient to make an opening no trump bid fourth hand.

The beginner will find it safer not to bid a fourth hand no trump unless the hand holds more than three quick tricks. Experience teaches that opening on only three quick tricks or less in fourth position seldom results in game. To open fourth hand, the player should be reasonably satisfied that with average assistance from partner game can be made.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Canton Racecourse Regulations.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—I had thought that the regulations drawn up by the Canton Municipality, as they appeared in the Canton Gazette of the 13th inst., governing the construction of a race track in Canton would have evoked some criticism from followers of the Sport of Kings, but in the absence of any comment in the press—I do not remember having seen any—I can only presume that race enthusiasts here do not consider the ideas of our Canton friends too absurd to write about.

However, in the interests of the sport I think race followers should commit their thoughts and opinions to paper in an endeavour to assist our friends up the river to form their race track and avoid the many pitfalls that await the greenhorn.

One of the regulations stipulates that "in holding sweeps on the races, 80% of the gross proceeds from the sale of tickets is to be returned as prize, 10% to be paid to the Government." This leaves 10% only with which to defray all expenses for the upkeep of the track and the organisation of the races.

Anybody who has any inkling at all of how race tracks are run will know how ridiculous this regulation appears. It is an impossibility to run a track on 10% of the proceeds. But this is not all. I understand that in Canton there are many sorts of taxes which one has to pay, such as Amusement Tax, a Stamp Tax on tickets sold, and various sorts of surtaxes. I doubt whether even a financial wizard would be able to make a track cover expenses under this proviso, and so long as this rule stands a race track will never materialise in Canton.

It is universal practice the world over in race tracks to deduct at least 20% for the upkeep of the course. There need be no fear that the promoters of the race track will become millionaires if given this percentage. The expenses are really enormous and it requires the keenest management on business lines to enable a race track to carry on even with this percentage. The return to the Government is assured in any case, but why create an unnecessary difficulty for the promoters of the race track, who, in embarking on such a project, are but catering to the needs of public recreation and contributing to the progress of reconstruction in the country?

Another article declares that races are to be held four times a year. This is the height of absurdity. What is the idea of having an expensive race track maintained only to be used four times a year? The Canton Municipality officials should pay a visit to Hongkong or Shanghai, and gain some insight into the workings of the race clubs in these two ports.

"The franchise for the race course is to be for a period of 10 years. At the end of the ten years the course and all fixtures thereon are to revert to the possession of the Municipal Government." The Hongkong Jockey Club enjoys a very long lease on the land given to its use by the Government. But let us take a more recent case—the International Race and Recreation Club of Macao. The club was given a franchise for 30 years, and also the option to renew, with a single payment of HK\$50,000, plus a very reasonable percentage on the returns at the meetings.

Now consider the Macao Government's end of the stick. The land on which the track is formed is part of the huge reclamation scheme. It is computed that the particular area used for the race course must have cost the Government not less than half a million dollars to reclaim. The return on this capital outlay is, as just mentioned, a payment of HK\$50,000.00 and the percentage on the race meetings.

There are no restrictions on the number of meetings that may be held, and there are no regulations that in any way interfere with the management or conduct of the course.

Hankow boasts of the oldest Chinese race club in China. It has been in existence for about 30 years, and is still a very popular attraction. The Hankow International and foreign race courses are also in Chinese territory, but there is no undue interference in their operation.

Shanghai has more than three race courses, two of which are run by Chinese, and situated in Chinese territory. These tracks are also in very healthy condition, and the frequent meetings are great attractions to the public. Here again there are no irksome restrictions imposed by the local authorities.

A word or two of advice to Canton would not be out of place. (Continued on Page 7.)

The Very Idea!

A man named Hamilton, who escaped from the police at Arthington when he was being taken from Lincoln Races to Otley, being charged with having defrauded two old ladies of £3,000, was captured two days later near the estate of the Earl of Harwood.

A man, thin, pale and hungry-looking, was seen going out of the lower gate of the castle farm, just beyond Harwood village. A farm worker noticed that he kept his hands in his coat sleeves, and catching a glimpse of steel, realised that the man was handcuffed.

Hamilton took to his heels and ran across the fields to the river, through which he waded. A general hue and cry followed, and eventually the man dropped exhausted in a field beyond Harwood Bridge, where he was captured.

His clothes were covered with mud, and he presented a sorry spectacle. He said he had nothing to eat since he escaped, had been lying low during the day, and wandering about at night in the hope of getting clear.

Specimen from a recent collection of "Howlers" by H. Cecil Hunt:

Pax in bello—Freedom from indigestion.

&c.—It is a sign used to make believe you know more than you do.

Derivation of hypothesis—Hippo, horse; thesis, placing. Putting something on a horse.

Who was Henry VIII?—A great widower.

To keep milk from turning sour you should keep it in the cow.

Degrees of comparison of "bad"—Bad, very sick, dead.

[A taken at the Zoo is said to be the only one in captivity.]

I thought I had the whole "Who's Who".

Complete and pat of London's Zoo.

And this is rather shakin'! I boast no sceptic mental twist.

And yet, a guileless naturalist.

May I inquire—do you exist; Or—are you just a take-in?

Teacher (during History lesson): What are the races that have dominated England since the invasion of the Romans?

Small Boy: The Derby and the Grand National, miss.

An Aberdeen labourer on being found guilty on a charge of being drunk and disorderly was fined ten shillings or three days. "If it's a' the same to you, Blawie," he replied, "I'll tak the ten shillin'."

Wife at Willesden—My husband committed suicide by stabbing himself at Christmas, and ever since he has been nagging me.

Willesden Magistrate—No seems to be an evasive person. What is he? Man—A football referee.

Judge Thompson, at Bow County Court, when a woman paused to take breath—Presumably I have my turn now.

Surrey Woman, applying for a summons against her husband—I have been knocked up by him knocking me down every other day.

Man at Glasgow, to solicitor cross-examining—Look here, if you're not satisfied with my answers you'd better get somebody else to answer you.

"We separated two years ago, and I was glad to get rid of him. Now I hear he is earning £8 a week, so I may as well have some of it."—Wife who got a maintenance summons at Willesden, against her husband.

Siblad, the eccentric and humorous editor of the "Chronicles of Scottish Poetry," resided in London for three or four years, during which time his friends in Scotland were ignorant not only of his movements but of his address.

At length his brother, a Leith merchant, contrived to get a letter conveyed to him, inquiring after his circumstances and his address.

The reply was characteristic. It ran as follows:—"Dear Brother, I live in So-ho, and my business is so-so.—Yours."

Mr. A. H. Crook, Headmaster of Queen's College, is leaving shortly for Java to represent Hongkong at the fourth Pan-Pacific conference of scientists. In previous years the conference has been held at Tokyo, Sydney and other great centres in the Pacific basin.

DASTARDLY ACT OF CRUELTY.**LAD TIED UP AND BADLY SCALDED BY FOKI.****PRISON SENTENCE.**

Two months' imprisonment, without the option of a fine, was imposed by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith on a Chinese shop foki who was charged before him at Kowloon this morning with assaulting a young lad. The defendant, it will be recalled, was remanded from yesterday after having pleaded guilty to the charge in that he had caned the lad but emphatically denied the allegations of the prosecution that he had poured boiling water over the complainant.

His Worship this morning took the evidence, first calling Dr. J. E. Dovey, who deposed to the injuries suffered by the complainant. He said that he examined the complainant, who was about 12 years of age, and found scalds on both wrists, with a large blister on the left wrist. There were also scalds on both feet and blistering on the upper surface of the foot.

Witness found marks of the wheel of a cane on various parts of the body. He gave evidence of no less than 18 such marks.

Hot Liquid.

Replying to Detective Sergeant Humphreys, witness said the scalds had been caused by very hot liquid, such as water or oil. In answer to his Worship, witness said the scalds were compatible with the statement made by the complainant.

His Worship, however, remarked that he could not take that as evidence.

In reply to another question, witness said the scalds on the hands and feet were too peculiarly distributed to have been caused by the complainant knocking a kettle over, although the injuries to his feet might have been caused in that way.

Continuing, witness said it seemed to him that the boy's wrists had been tied together and the water poured between his hands.

When asked what were his reasons for his statement, witness said the scalds were on the inner part of the hands. There were no marks of the wrists having been tied together, although the feet showed such marks.

Complainant's Story.

The complainant was the next witness called. He said he was passing the defendant's shop when a small boy was caught for stealing firewood. This boy accused witness and an argument ensued. The defendant caught the complainant and took him into the shop. Witness was tied up with a piece of rope with his hand behind his back and then suspended on the upright of a bed.

When asked to explain how he was suspended, witness said that his feet were tied with one end of the rope which was then tied round his wrists with the other end attached to the bed.

Taking a kettle of boiling water, the defendant proceeded to pour it over his wrists and feet. Accused then got a cane and struck him while another foki of the shop hit him with his fists. On being released, witness, who was in great pain, went to the hillside and cried. He later reported the matter to the police.

Was Tied Up.

After the police evidence, the defendant called a foki who said that he saw the complainant taken into the shop by the defendant, who struck him with a cane. When he was released—

His Worship.—He was tied up then?

Witness.—His hands were tied up.

Continuing, witness said the complainant was struck a few times with the cane. He was then released and in running out of the shop he knocked over the kettle.

In reply to Detective Sergeant Humphreys, witness said the kettle was kept under the stairway.

The police officer pointed out to his Worship that a person running out of the shop would have run under the staircase.

A Wicked Case.

After hearing the evidence, his Worship said he did not see how he could let the defendant off with a fine. This was one of the most wicked cases he had listened to. He could not believe that the kettle was accidentally knocked over. The medical evidence seemed to indicate that the boy was tied up and the foki himself admitted that the complainant had been tied up.

The only thing that was not admitted was that water had been poured over the boy. It seemed to him that the medical evidence and the evidence of the police as to the state of the boy when taken to the Police Station indicated

THE TWO KWANGS TO FIGHT.**CANTON DECIDES TO MAKE ATTACK ON KWANGSI.****CHIANG'S ORDERS.**

Chinese reports from Canton are to the effect that Kwanglung has decided to wage war against Kwangsi, and that military movements are already being carried out in accordance with this decision.

A message to the Nam Chung Pao from Canton states that an important military meeting, presided over by General Chan Chai-tong, was held at the headquarters of the Disbandment and Reorganisation of Troops, on Sunday, those also present including General Chiang Kung-tung (acting Commander of the 11th Army), Admiral Chan Chuk, General Tang Yin-wah and other high rank officers.

General Chan explained the present situation between Canton and Kwangsi and the attitude of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek to General Wang Shao-hung, saying that the former had suggested that as Canton has pledged its allegiance to Nanking, and as the attitude of General Wang Shao-hung still remained uncertain, they should carry out the instructions of the Central Government to attack Kwangsi.

It is stated that Admiral Chan Chai-tong favoured these suggestions.

It was proposed by General Chan that the whole regiment under the command of General Yu Hui-mow be despatched to the northern part of the Province and the troops under Commanders Tai Kik and Ho Kung-chek to be sent to the southern region, while the West River district should be protected by four regiments of Chiang's troops and that General Hsu King-tong's troops remain in the eastern region. It was also proposed that some regiments of Chiang's troops be sent to Shih-hing, Tak-hing, Fung-chuen and Sam-lo, together with a naval squadron for protection.

These proposals were approved by the meeting, which lasted several hours.

NATIONALIST FLAG OVER CHEFOO.**FOR THE THIRD TIME IN TWELVE MONTHS.****LIU'S FORCES ENTER.**

Chefoo, Apr. 23. For the third time in twelve months, the Nationalist flag replaced the five-barred emblem when General Liu Chen-shen's forces entered Chefoo this morning.

The newcomers met with practically no resistance. General Chang Chung-chang's men fleeing in a very disorderly manner westwards. General Chang Chung-chang departed for Dairen last night, and General Liu is expected shortly.

There have been no serious incidents as yet.—*Reuter.*

Despite the continued retreat of stragglers through Chefoo, General Chang Chung-chang has issued posters declaring the capture of Muping and the death of Liu Chen-shen. The situation is quiet but the shops are all shuttered up.—*Reuter.*

COMMUNISTS AGAIN APPEAR.**ACTIVE ALONG KWANGTUNG BORDER.**

Canton, Apr. 22. Information has been received by the Canton authorities that Communists under the notorious leaders, Chu Tak and Mo Chak-tung, are again active along the Kwangtung border and have concentrated near Nam Hung City.

It is stated that the troops stationed at this city have had a brush with the Communists, and large numbers of citizens have left for safety.

On receipt of this information, General Chan Chai-tong called a meeting last night at which it was decided to despatch 4,000 troops to Lin Ping city, on the border of Kwangtung and Kiangsi, and another 5,000 men to Nam Hung city for the suppression of the Communists.

General Chan orders that the whole Communist Army must be wiped out within two weeks.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

that that was what must have happened.

The defendant was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

Detective Sergeant Humphreys mentioned the question of compensation, but his Worship declined to make any order, remarking that it was possible that the complainant had been stealing firewood. He thought that he must have been.

RECENT ROBBERY RECALLED.**THREE MEN AND A WOMAN CHARGED TO-DAY.****TRIAL AT SESSIONS.**

A robbery, which was carried out at No. 10, Castle Road on January 31 was recalled at the Criminal Sessions this morning, before the Police Judge, Mr. Justice Wood, when three men and a woman were charged with robbery.

The prisoners were Ho San, Chung Sam, Wong Hoi (the woman) and Cheung Fat-to. The three men were alleged to have robbed Wong Leung-shi of a watch and chain, four gold American pesos, 14 gold bangles, seven gold rings, diamond ear-rings, pearl and jade hair ornaments and ear-rings and gold watches, and to have robbed Cheng King-shan of gold bangles and pearl and jade ear-rings.

It was alleged that Wong Hoi was present, aiding and abetting. There was a further charge of receiving stolen goods against Chung Sam.

With the exception of Ho San, all the prisoners denied the charges. Ho San was taken from the dock while the case against the other three was proceeded with.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, instructed by Mr. L. R. Andrews, prosecuted for the Crown, while Mr. Hin Shing Lo, instructed by Mr. J. M. Hall, defended Cheung Fat-to.

Presenting the case for the Crown to the jury, Mr. Fitzroy said the robbery took place between 1.30 and 2 p.m. There were then in the house Wong Leung-shi, an old lady who had since died, a grand-daughter, an amah and a small child. One of the boys who was going to school left the house after one o'clock. Shortly afterwards, five men suddenly appeared in the house, some of them being armed. They seized the old lady, overcame the other occupants and took everything they could find. The greater part of the property, said counsel, had not been recovered, because it was mainly gold, which could easily be melted down.

In dealing with the alleged complicity of the woman, Mr. Fitzroy said the robbery had been carefully planned. A certain individual, who was not available, approached a man, who would give evidence, and make enquiries about places where robberies could be committed. Both were acquainted with Wong Hoi. A certain amount of communication took place and they met at a tea-shop where, it was alleged, Wong Hoi gave information and agreed to help the robbers by letting them into the house. The trial is proceeding.

SANITARY BOARD ELECTION.**MR. M. K. LO COMES FORWARD AS CANDIDATE.**

For the vacancy on the Sanitary Board caused by the expiration of Dr. S. C. Ho's term of office, Mr. M. K. Lo has decided to come forward as a candidate. He is proposed by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., and seconded by the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.

"SQUEEZE" FROM HAWKERS.**SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS AGAINST CHINESE POLICE.****PASS-WORDS IN USE.**

A number of Chinese hawkers are missing from their posts while four hawkers are in custody as the result of the breaking-up of an alleged "squeeze ring" in which members of the Chinese section of the Police Force are said to be implicated. The affair, which has caused some sensation, recalls a similar incident two years ago for intimidation and extorting bribes from hawkers.

In charging the four arrested hawkers before Major C. Willson this morning, Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds said they had stalls at various points in Hollywood Road.

Their connexion with the affair came out in this way, that they were employed by certain constables to receive "squeeze" from hawkers, whether these later were licensed or not. These constables, fixed at eighty cents in the case of licensed hawkers, and a dollar in the case of those lacking licences, would be taken to the defendants every Saturday or Sunday night, when the hawkers would be given a pass-word for the following week.

The pass-word entered into the case in this way, that by giving it to constables on the beat, an understanding would be established that the bribes had already been handed in, and the hawkers concerned would be immune from arrest for that week.

The defendants apparently were given ten per cent. of the receipts, which in some cases amounted to \$50 per week.

When the matter came to the notice of the authorities the constables implicated in the scheme absconded. C. D. I. Reynolds informed the Court that warrants had been issued for their arrest. When that was effected, it might be necessary for the present defendants to give evidence in the subsequent Police Court proceedings.

His Worship decided to postpone sentence for a week, all the defendants having pleaded guilty.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Apr. 22.	124.20
Paris	485.9/32
New York	34.05
Brussels	35.21
Geneva	12.09 1/2
Amsterdam	27.70
Milan	20.47
Berlin	18.105
Stockholm	18.20
Copenhagen	34.50
Vienna	163 1/2
Prague	192 1/2
Helsingfors	33.175
Madrid	108 1/2
Lisbon	375
Athens	818
Bucharest	57 1/2
Rio	475 1/2
Buenos Aires	1/6.29/32
Bombay	1/11 1/2
Hongkong	1/10.5/32
Yokohama	25.11/16
Silver (spot and forward)	—

It is stated that Dr. Ho does not intend to offer himself for re-election.

The election takes place on May 21st, and nominations have to be in not later than May 1st.

THOUSANDS STARVE IN VLADIVOSTOK.**MOBS SCRAMBLE FOR BREAD FROM U. S. SHIP.****TERRIBLE CONDITIONS.**

Shanghai, Apr. 18. Information from Vladivostok, which reached Shanghai by round-about channels, is to the effect that literally thousands of persons are starving in this seaport. What conditions in the hinterland are beyond conjecture.

A non-Russian, who managed to escape from Vladivostok and ultimately reached Harbin, wrote to a friend in Shanghai of an incident which he witnessed while in the north. An American ship captain had bought 700 loaves of bread and offered chervonets in payment, but the authorities demanded American gold. Which currency finally was used is not related.

However as the ship had thrown off its ropes and was slowly moving from the wharf, sailors took this bread and threw it on the quay. There was a frenzied scramble among hundreds of dock employees and hangers-on to get as much as a loaf. They fought each other and tore their comrades' clothes off in their mad desire for food.

A few of the loaves fell into the water and part of the mob jumped into the sea to retrieve them.

All the time someone on the bridge operated a cinema camera, while one who could speak Russian, shouted to officials, who had made no move during the disturbance, that inasmuch as Russia had sent teams of propaganda to America, they would take a true picture of conditions and show it to the American public.

As the ship drew away the mob still scrambled for the bread.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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Avoid interference and meddling with business undertakings or any enterprise of a public character, and progress will ensue. Impose restrictions, and all forms of advancement will be throttled. Interference—sometimes met with under the guise of "supervision"—is a great menace that all too often kills development of public commercial and industrial enterprises as well as reconstruction work, and if the authorities are sincerely desirous of seeing their country advance to the front rank of nations, then give private enterprise free play, with just sufficient safeguards, should they be needed, to ensure absence of evoked debts. There is a Chinese saying which runs "Spare the cow her life and she will give you much milk."

One ray of brightness emerges from the gloom, and that is His Excellency General Chan Ming-shu is at the head of affairs in Canton, though at the present moment he is hors-de-combat from recent injuries. He enjoys great popularity for his clarity of thought and modern principles, and it would appear then, that when he returns to active work, present stagnation would vanish before the driving force of his progressive ideas.

It seems pertinent to mention that the writer is a keen sportsman, and member of both the Shanghai and Hankow Chinese Jockey Clubs. The opinions and criticisms expressed herein are actuated by a genuine desire to see Canton and Kwangtung progress, and I trust these views will be accepted in the right spirit by the Canton Municipality.—Yours, etc.,

T. C. TONG.

FAREWELL SHOW.**BY BANVARD COMEDY COMPANY.**

The final programme of the Banvard English Comedy Company at the Star Theatre last night, when "A Cuckoo in the Nest" was offered for a second time, attracted a crowded house which demonstrated its appreciation in no uncertain manner. The plot of the play is the favourite one of the doings of a newly-married man with the wife of an M.P. in a hotel. The situations were extremely ludicrous and kept the audience in roars of laughter.

The Company left for the North to-day and on its return will appear again with some new plays, among them "Diversion," which is classified with "The Fanatics" as a play for the broadminded. At the close of last night's play, amid great applause, the ladies of the cast were recipients of baskets of flowers and the curtain was finally rung down amid cheers.

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Major-General James Miller, an Indian military veteran, has died at the age of 98.



"Where ya goin' after ya deliver that order, kid?" "Think I'll drop in the movies—hear there's a peach of an underworld picture there."

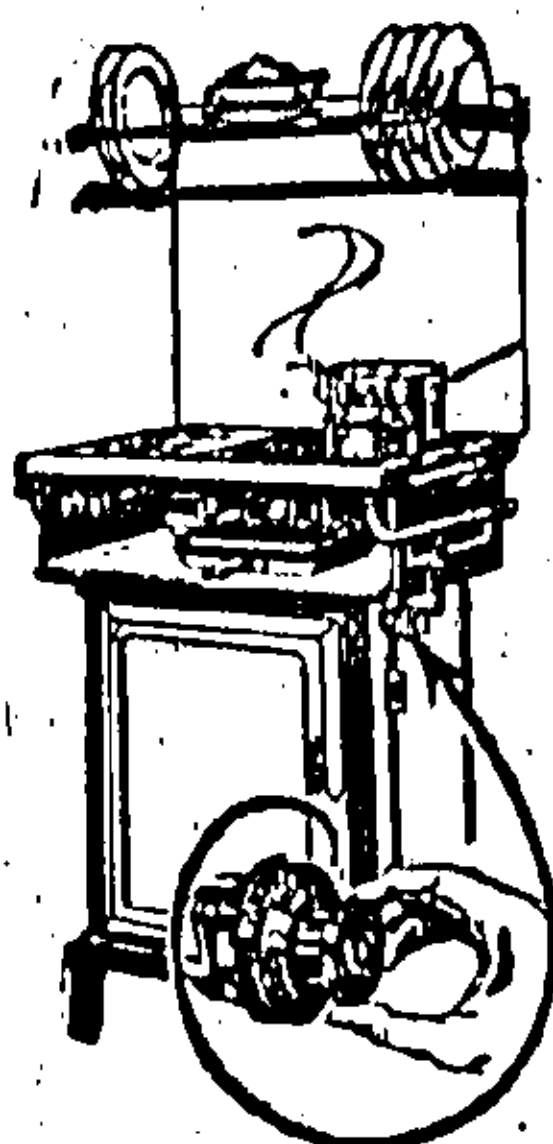
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April 27	
Sunday	66 "BARBIERE di SIVIGLIA"
April 28	

BOOKING AT MOUTRIE'S AND THEATRE
Prices \$4, \$3, \$2 & \$1.

Motor speed boats of about 40
m.p.h. will be a new diversion at
Southend this year.

Four leading Manchester subur-
ban cinemas have been sold for
approximately £250,000.

END OF SEASON SOCCER.

CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFF OR
WINNERS V. REST.

TEAM FOR "THE REST."

In the event of the Chinese
Athletic defeating the Hongkong
F.C. in the re-play of their league
match this afternoon, the Somers-
set L.I. and Chinese Athletic will
play off for the championship of
the Senior Division of the League
on Saturday next.

The match will be played at the
Caroline Hill ground, kick-off at
5 p.m. and extra time will be
played, if necessary.

Should the game result in a win
for the Club, or a draw, a match
will be played between the Win-
ners and the Rest on the Club
ground, kick-off, 5.15 p.m.
Trophies will be presented at the
conclusion by Mr. P. P. J. Wode-
house.

The following have been select-
ed to represent "The Rest" against
a combined Chinese team at Car-
oline Hill on Wednesday, May 1st:
Edwards (Club); Wynne (Police);
Carey (Hermes); Everest (K.O.
S.B.); Perks (R.N.); C. F. Rem-
edios (Recreio); Kornick (R.N.)
and Butcher (Somerset).

Reserves: Pile (Kowloon),
Daivey (Borderers), Hedley (Kow-
loon), Rocha (Recreio) and Baker
(Somerset).

Kick-off: 5.15 p.m.

Strange Game.

The Club de Recreio turned out
an extraordinarily weak side
against the R.A. in a Senior
League match last night, and the
game started so late that only 20
minutes each was possible. The
R.A. won by two goals to one.
Leach opened the scoring, Santos
equalised, and Gill secured the
winner.

In the United Services Junior
Cup (semi-final) the R.A. effected
a big surprise, defeating the
K.O.S.B. Reserves, winners of the
J.O.S. Shield, by the only goal of
the game.

POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Police Reserve Orders by Hon.
Mr. T. H. King, Acting Captain
Superintendent of Police, state:

Summer Uniform.

Summer uniform will be taken
in to wear by Police Reservists as
from April 17th.

Royal Visit of H.R.H. the Duke
of Gloucester.

The Hon. C.S.P. accepts the
voluntary service of the following
Police Reservists in connection
with the visit of H.R.H. The Duke
of Gloucester:—20 members of
the Chinese Company for duty at
the City Hall on Thursday, April
25th, will parade at Central Police
Station at 10.15 a.m. sharp; 20
members of the Chinese Company
for duty at the Hongkong Cricket
Club Ground on Friday, April
26th, will parade at Central Police
Station at 3.30 p.m. sharp; 10
members of the Indian Company
for duty at the City Hall on
Thursday, April 25th, will parade
at Central Police Station at 10.15
a.m. sharp.

Dress on both days—White
Uniform, Helmet, Belt (no frog)
and Truncheon.

Chinese Company.

"First Aid to the injured."—
Class for instruction in First Aid
will be held at the Company's
Headquarters on Wednesday, April
24th, at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

All other instructional classes
and parades for this week are
cancelled.

Indian Company.

A practice parade for inspec-
tion of this Company in connec-
tion with the Royal Visit, of the
Duke of Gloucester will take
place on Tuesday, April 23rd.
Fall in at the Central Police
Station at 5.15 p.m. Dress—
Summer Uniform—Belt and
Belts to be worn.

Flying Squad.

The weekly instructional patrol
of the Kowloon Section will take
place on Tuesday, April 23rd.
Fall in at the Tsim-tai-tai Fire
Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp.
Dress—Khaki Uniform.

There will be no weekly inspec-
tional patrol of the Hongkong
Section on Thursday, April 25th.
Sharpshooters' Company.

Revolver Practice.—Revolver
practice will be carried out on
Kennedy Road Range on Sunday,
May 5th, at 10.00 a.m. Members
will assemble at the Range at that
time, with belts and holsters with
revolvers. Uniform optional.

"Defendu" Class.—This will be
held on Monday, May 6th, at Police
Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. under
Sergeant R. J. Hunt. Dress—
Muffin.

(Sgd.) W. KENT, A.S.P.,
Adjutant.

THE BOOKSHELF.

SIR EDMUND HORNBY'S RACY MEMOIRS.

Few memoirs that have been
written will be found more enter-
taining than those of Sir Edmund
Hornby, the man who in 1865 was
sent out to China to reform the
Consular Court in the Far East
and who held the office of Judge
of the Supreme Court until his
retirement in 1876. They have
now been published under the
title of "Sir Edmund Hornby:
An Autobiography." (Constable,
18s.). Edited by his daughter,
Mrs. Drummond, the book has an
appropriate introduction by D. L.
Murray, who says that the keen,
and often amusingly disconcert-
ing, flavour of Sir Edmund's judg-
ments preserves to the last page
the individuality and liveliness of
his memoirs. The book is check-
full of entertaining reminiscences
and revives for its readers the
romantic days of the British
diplomatic and consular service.

The publication of these
memoirs has been delayed owing
to litigation which resulted in the
excision of 28 lines. The
publishers describe Sir Edmund
Hornby as a cross between Charles
O'Malley and Mr. Midshipman
Easy, but one reviewer says that
in his outspokenness with regard
to amorous adventures he bears
some relationship to Pepys. A
man of strong prejudices, he
makes no bones about his dislikes,
and in this candid autobiography
he makes some of the most
imposing giants of the Victorian
Era stalk before us again. The
work is divided into four books,
giving Sir Edmund's reminiscences
of his experiences in England,
Turkey, China and Japan; and all
through its pages we get glimpses
of a man who enjoyed life to the
full. He is particularly out-
spoken in his views on the con-
sular service and expresses him-
self very firmly against fusion of
this branch with the diplomatic
service. "I have known some few
Consuls who might have made
good diplomats," he remarks in one
place, "but I never knew a
diplomatist who would have made
a good Consul."

"I know I shall be held guilty of
high treason by the Foreign Office,
and any number of Secretaries of
State," he says, "and especially
permanent under-secretaries and as-
sistant dittoes will denounce me as
an impudent meddler if I say
that a legal education would enable
them to perform their duties far
more efficiently than they are per-
forming. It would make them feel
and understand the importance of
exactness and accuracy, enable
them to keep their own noses and
the noses of their antagonists to the
grindstone, discipline them to be
led off or to lead off from the issue
before them into a variety of side
issues which generally land them
into difficulties, and teach them
besides that 'fine' writing is seldom
of value, except the object is to in-
volve the matter in hand in a hope-
less muddle. Moreover, 'instruc-
tions' to their subordinates abroad,
by reason of their clearness and
simplicity, would then have, at
least, the chance of being under-
stood."

Here is another outspoken obser-
vation on the subject of the com-
petitive system of examination as
applied to the public service:—"I
have had upwards of twenty years'
experience of the system and have
conducted several examinations,
and I pronounce it a failure in so
far as it does not open the service
to the fittest men. Easterns will
not respect men for their learning
merely. Ridiculous as it may
sound, a man who is cleanly in his
habits and person, who dresses well,
is courteous and polite, will com-
mand twice the influence that a care-
less-looking fellow, with twice the
brains, will command."

We could go on quoting apt and
pungent views such as these, but
space forbids. Suffice it to say
that these memoirs are such that,
once taken up, they will not be
lightly put aside. Written at the
age of 70, they leave the impres-
sion that few people have en-
joyed life more fully or had less to
repent.

"The Tale of Fleur."

"The Tale of Fleur," by E.
Charles Vivian, which makes its
appearance in Ward, Lock and
Company's Colonial Library, is a
story of romance and intrigue in
the little Eastern State of Banga-
wa. The tragic heroine of the
tale, disillusioned early in life,
seeks power at any price. She
finds her way to Bhagava, where
the Western-educated Sultan
offers her a place beside him in
return for marriage. Anointed
by her thirst for power, she ac-
cepts, has to fight the Resident,
van Stroom, to win her end, and
then a British explorer comes to
show her that there are other and
better things in life than power.
The Sultan's quest for vengeance
on the lovers, van Stroom's in-
trigue and Fleur's resource and
courage lead to an intensely
dramatic climax.

The author has a distinct pen-
chant for this type of story, and
he resists the temptation to at-
tain a happy ending. The tale

SHIPPING MANAGER SUMMONED.

"CHARLES HARDOUIN" CASE AGAIN ADJOURNED.

Owing to the fact that the s.s.
Charles Hardouin was not in port,
the Hon. Commr. G. F. Hole,
R.N., at the Marine Court this
morning, had to again adjourn
the case in which Mr. Chow Jar-
choo, the manager of the San Nam
Steamship Co., was summoned by
Mr. A. G. Corbin, the Chief Officer
of the vessel, for an offence al-
leged to have been committed by
the former when the vessel was
on her from Hongkong to Hong-
kong.

Mr. F. H. Loseby was for the
defendant, while the complainant
was represented by Mr. G. R. Hall
Brutton. Capt. T. T. Laurance,
of the China Coast Officers' Guild,
was in Court watching the case
on behalf of the Guild.

His Worship informed Mr.
Loseby and Mr. Hall Brutton that
as evidence would have to be ob-
tained from witnesses on board
the s.s. Charles Hardouin, which
left for Hongkong yesterday eve-
ning, the case would have to be ad-
journed, until 10.30 to-morrow
morning.

At the previous hearing, on
Saturday, complainant alleged
that whilst the s.s. Charles Har-
douin was approaching Castle
Peak Bay on her way here from
Hongkong at 10.20 p.m. on April
15, defendant, without the per-
mission of the officer in charge,
went on the navigation bridge of
the vessel and behaved in such a
manner as to obstruct, impede
or molest complainant in the
navigation of the ship.

NOTED VIOLINIST.

KUBELIK TO PLAY IN HONGKONG.

Jan Kubelik, world-famous
Bohemian violinist, will pass
through Hongkong shortly on his
way to Shanghai, North China
and Japan where he will appear
in a number of recitals under the
direction of Mr. Strok.

Mr. Kubelik's stay in the Colony
this trip will be of short duration,
but it is expected that the great
artist will be able to give one re-
cital here on his return to Europe
early in June.

Mr. Kubelik has just completed
a very successful tour of India,
Ceylon and the Straits Settlements,
and he represents the last of
Impresario Strok's celebrity at-
tractions for the current season.
The date of his appearance in
recital in Hongkong will be
announced later.

MARINE COURT.

HARBOUR MASTER ON A BAD PRACTICE.

The coxswain in the steam
launch Tai Hing appeared before
the Hon. Commr. G. F. Hole at the
Marine Court this morning on the
charge of carrying 46 passengers in
excess of the number stipulated on
his licence—135 instead of 89. De-
fendant pleaded guilty.

In fining defendant \$200, with
the alternative of three months'
hard labour, Commr. Hole said:—"This
overloading of passengers is a
very serious offence and is a dan-
ger to lives."

Chan Sai-mui, the mistress of a
cargo boat, was brought before his
Worship this morning for mooring
outside of five others alongside the
s.s. Swale. She pleaded guilty and
was fined \$10.

CHEMICAL WARFARE.

COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTING CIVILIANS.

Rome, Apr. 22.

At a session held here, a Com-
mittee for the protection of civilian
populations against chemical war-
fare was inaugurated at the Doria
Palace.

Twenty States, including Japan,
are represented on the Committee.
—Reuter.

is well told and holds the reader's
interest to the very last page.

"Here and There."

"Here and There," by Max Har-
rington (Arthur H. Stockwell,
Ltd., London, 1/-) is a little book-
let of a dozen bits of poetry all
with a distinctly religious tinge.
They are the work of a military
officer who until recently was serv-
ing in Hongkong.

The sincerity of the author is
beyond question, and he uses his
talent for verifying with the de-
sire to point the claims of true
Christianity. The little booklet
will make a wide appeal to all
who wish to see the Christ spirit
more actively dominating every-
day life.

TREASURY HONESTY.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Mr. Potter also said that if
Tsang On Wing had been in the
conspiracy he would have destroyed
the covers of the cheque
books but he found them
when a search was made either
among debris or in waste paper
baskets.

Mr. Potter went on to say that
it was alleged in the statement of
defence that the Government un-
derlooked that no cheques should be
permitted to get into the hands of
strangers—that cheque books
should be kept locked up in a
place of security. Had members
of the jury ever realised, said
Mr. Potter, that if this was so
then it might be alleged against
them that they had a contract
with their bank to do these things,
to keep cheque books locked up
to prevent cheques from falling
into the hands of strangers? It
would be a serious matter for the
customer if he did undertake that
duty, said counsel.

High Water Mark.
Mr. Potter pointed out that
from 1861 until 1918 when this
point had been raised in various
courts of law it had been treated
as the high water mark of ab-
surdity. It had been held that no
such duty was imposed on the cus-
tomer. Mr. Potter said the de-
fence would rely on the notice
printed on the cover of cheque
books.

He ventured to say that that
was a common form of notice—
a caution which he would submit
had never yet been held as a con-
tract. If the defence was going
to rely on that notice to establish
a so-called contract between the
bank and a customer then he
would say that it would be a
sorry day if a jury of business-
men found that a customer by re-
ceiving a cheque book impliedly
agreed that he would take these
precautions.

Great Institution.

It came as a surprise that a
great institution like the Hong-
kong and Shanghai Banking Cor-
poration would say that such a
notice constituted a promise that
the customer would do these
things.

Mr. Potter concluded his address
at 11.15 a.m. calling Mr. Thomas
Black as the first witness for the
Government. Mr. Black was
examined by Mr. H. G. Sheldon,
junior counsel for the Government,
and said that he was the accountant
in the Colonial Treasury. Speak-
ing of Tsang On-wing he said that
he had been in the service of the
Government since 1914 and had an
excellent record. It was Tsang's
duty to see that there was an ade-
quate supply of cheques, the Gov-
ernment using between 9,000 and
10,000 a year.

Stopping Payments.

Replying to further questions by
Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Black said that
applied or cancelled cheques were
pasted on to the counterfoils where
they were kept. Up to January 18
he had not heard of any lost cheque
forms and he had not stopped pay-
ment of any cheque because of lost
forms. He had, however, stopped
payment on occasions when a payee
had reported the loss of a cheque.
On those occasions he gave the
Bank no reason for stopping pay-
ment, he simply told them not to
pay it.

If Tsang On-wing, when checking
up the pass book, found a discre-
pancy, he would report it to witness.
His attention had been called to
discrepancies previously. After
speaking with regard to Tsang
pointing out the entries of the dis-
puted cheques on January 18, 1923,
witness said he then thought they
might be clerical errors.

Asked if it was a rare occurrence
for a discrepancy to appear in the
pass book, witness replied in the
negative, saying that he remem-
bered one clerical error of over two
lacks.

Mr. Black then spoke of visiting
the Bank and interviewing various
officials there, when he made it
plain that the cheques were for-
geries. Witness added he had never
had any doubt that the signatures
were forged.

The case is proceeding.

\$2,000 DAMAGES FOR BROKEN LEG.

MAN WHO WAS LAMED BY MOTOR ACCIDENT.

A carpenter who had been
knocked down by a motor-car was
awarded \$2,000 damages by a
jury in the King's Bench Division
recently.

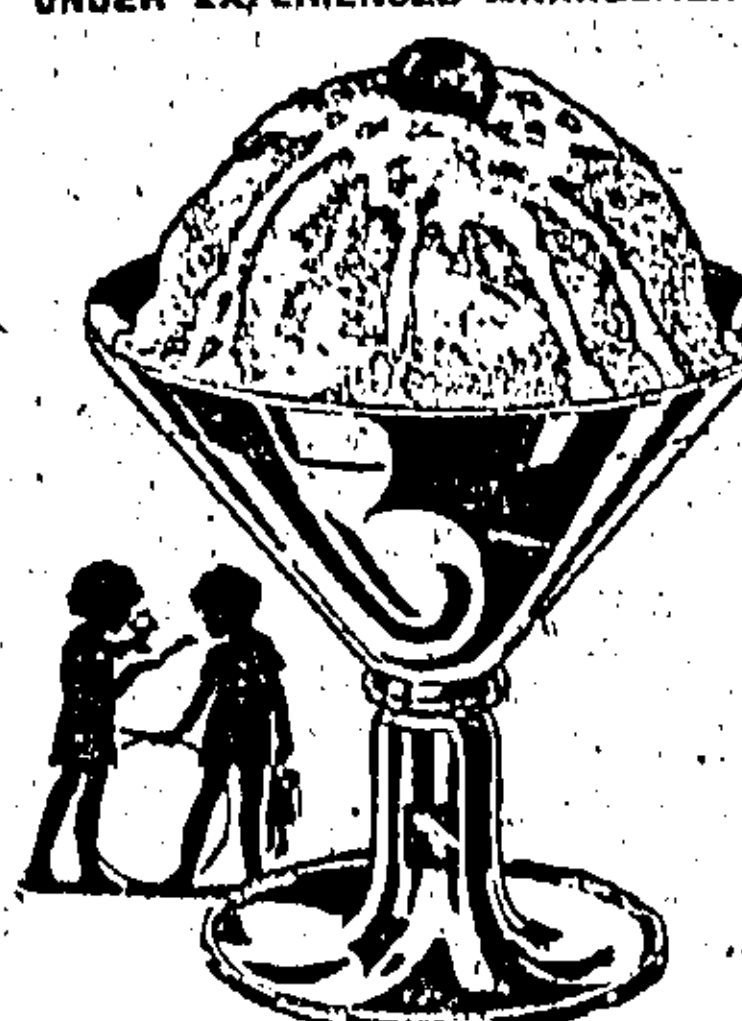
The man, Reginald Edgar
Spooner, of Green-lane, Hanwell,
sued Mr. Frank Keating, a com-
mission agent, of Baker-street,
London.

It was stated that about 10
o'clock on the night of June 21
last Mr. Spooner was crossing the
junction of Windmill-road and
the Great West-road, at Brentford,
when he was knocked down by Mr.
Keating's car.

His left leg was so badly
broken that a subsequent opera-
tion had to be performed to fix
the knee.

Mr. Spooner, it was stated, was
lamed as a result of his injuries.

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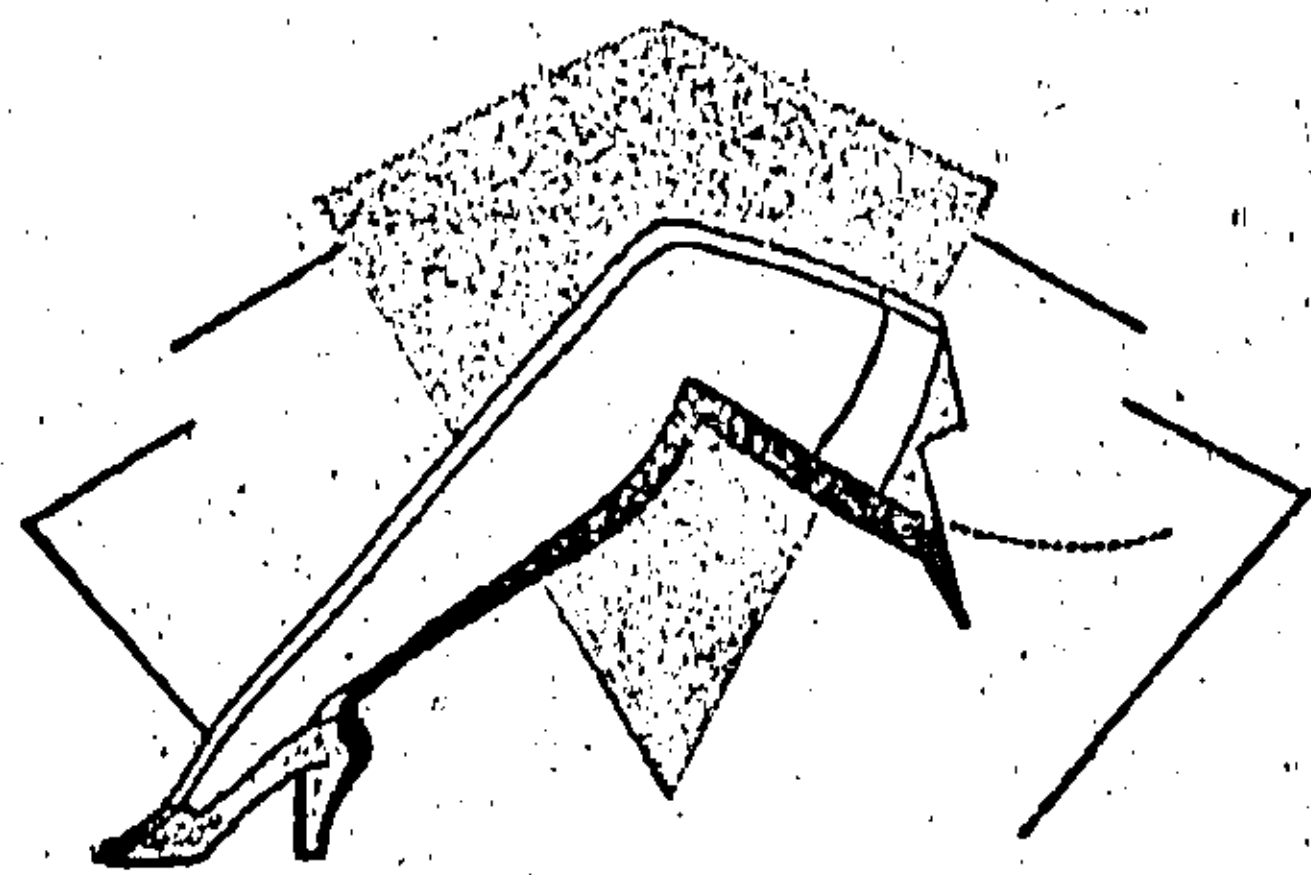
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PARKING OF CYCLES.

COMPLAINTS THAT FERRY NOTICES ARE TOO SMALL.

Complaints of the inadequacy of the markings at the Star Ferry Pier for the guidance of cyclists parking their machines at the wharf were lodged by two riders who appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday on charges of causing an obstruction by leaving their machines on the East of a sign board prohibiting the parking of vehicles at that particular spot.

The first case mentioned was against Mr. H. A. Gregory, who pleaded guilty.

In reply to his Worship, Sub-Inspector McWalter said that the obstruction was caused under the Star Ferry Shelter. There was a notice board on the pier to the effect that there was to be no parking on the left or east side of the board.

His Worship intimated to the defendant that he thought this was made fairly clear at the Star Ferry. There were all sorts of indications, on the ground and in the shape of notice boards.

The defendant said that he had been in a great hurry and did not notice the board.

His Worship replied that he should not be in so great a hurry as to fail to see such notices.

A fine of \$3 was imposed.

When a similar charge was read against Mr. G. W. Gunn the defendant said that the board was not in a conspicuous position nor were there any marks on the road.

His Worship pointed out to the defendant that as a matter of fact motorists had no right to park their cars at the ferry. It was only because of a concession on the part of the Police that they were allowed to leave the machines there. It was up to drivers to make absolutely sure what the limitations were before they left vehicles anywhere.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$3.

A public motor car driver was charged with failing to report an accident in which he was involved in Lai-chikok Road during the Easter holidays. The defendant pleaded guilty and said that he did not report the accident because there were several holidays then and he had also failed to notice the number of the car with which he had collided.

His Worship: There are no holidays for anything like that.

Sergeant Scrim told his Worship that the defendant was driving his car along Lai-chikok Road and came in collision with a vehicle driven by Lieut. Wickens, of the Somerset Light Infantry. Damage to the extent of \$15 was caused.

In reply to his Worship the defendant said that he had not been in fault for the accident. The driver of the other car had attempted to overtake a bus when the mishap occurred.

A fine of \$10 was imposed.

Several motor lorry drivers appeared before his Worship on charges of failing to provide their vehicles with mirrors. In each case a fine of \$1 was imposed.

On pleading guilty to a charge of causing obstruction at Sai Wan Ho, the driver of a motor car was stated to have left his vehicle in the street for two nights. The defendant was fined \$5.

WHO'S WHO.

PASSENGERS ON THE PRESIDENT MADISON.

Passengers arriving on the President Madison yesterday from Manila included: Major K. A. McLennan, Manager of the Robin Hood Mills Ltd., Vancouver, B. C., on an extended tour of the Orient; Mr. D. S. Gabbott and Mrs. B. S. Gabbott, Shanghai residents, returning from Manila; Mr. S. G. Kirkland, well known traveller in the Orient; Mr. George O'Farrell, Agent for the Messagerie Maritime, Manila, en route to Europe; Prof. Cistino Jamin, Prof. Geronimo Sava, Prof. M. F. Mangerra, Mr. John Scholbold, Mr. Mariano Castillo, Mr. Briscia Boyenso, Mr. Marciano Gutierrez, Mr. Arsenio Reyes, Mr. Benito Morales, Mr. Horacio Morales, Mr. Angel Tionko, Mr. Salvador Lozano, Mr. Chas. Oelassen, members of the basket ball team of the University of the Philippines, en route to Japan, where they will play several tournaments; Col. and Mrs. A. B. Bump, returning to Shanghai, after a short visit to Manila; Comdr. R. K. Turner, U. S. N., just completing his tour of duty in the Orient, joining Mrs. Turner in Shanghai; Mr. Roy Piccini, influential Manila financier, going to the U. S. for a vacation; Mr. John Cannon, Manila resident, owner and manager of Santa Ana Cabaret.

POPULAR JOCKEY.

SPORTS CLUB PAYS WARM TRIBUTE.

There was a happy gathering at the Sports Club last night, when a few racing friends gave a dinner to Mr. T. L. Wong. It was in the nature of an informal gathering, at which both Chinese and foreign members paid warm tributes to the skill of Mr. Wong on the race track. After dinner had been served, Mr. H. H. Priestly, the President of the Sports Club, spoke of Mr. Wong's riding capabilities, and said he often met him in the early hours of the morning in training kit keeping fit. Mr. Wong was a good jockey and he hoped that he would have successes in Shanghai similar to those in Hongkong.

Mr. H. H. Priestly proposed the health of Mr. Wong, and said he was his personal idea of a sportsman. He never went in for a race without the intention of winning, and he thought that was the spirit which should be impressed on all the local jockeys. When a jockey went into a race with the determination to win he gave the public its chance.

In reply, Mr. Wong said that he would carry away with him many happy memories of his life in Hongkong and hoped that he would meet many of his friends in Shanghai during the racing season.

Mr. Ezra Abraham thanked the President and Vice-President of the Club for the organization of the gathering, and said that he hoped the Sports Club and the Kowloon Cricket Club would soon meet in a bridge tournament.

During the after-dinner speeches the aluminium horseshoes which decorated the table were passed up to Mr. Wong who, on the suggestion of Mr. Seth, was decorated with them as a reminder of his many successes on the local race course.

Essential to the Colony.

Tributes to the riding capabilities of Mr. Wong were also paid by Mr. Ho Leung, Vice-President of the Club, and Mr. H. C. Lee, secretary, and Mr. Chan expressed personal thanks to the jockey for his success on his pony Winsome Stag.

Mr. C. M. Alves, the handicapper, was also called on to speak, and asserted that he was perhaps not a very popular man with the jockeys. He stressed the fact that the handicappers allotted were properly worked out, and pointed out that jockeys were often overweight.

Mr. J. Gubbay said he thought the Sports Club was essential to the Colony, and expressed his thanks to Mr. Priestly for the personal work he had done in the organization of the Club. Without his efforts the Club would not have been in existence for last night's gathering. Mr. Gubbay said it was regrettable that there were not more foreign members of the Club present. It was a sports club in the best sense of the word, and he hoped that the organization would shortly have an even larger following.

Riding School Scheme.

It is interesting to note that the Sports Club has now made arrangements to conduct a series of riding lessons, giving thorough tuition from the novice class to the advanced stage of riding.

The riding class is open to all members of the Sports Club. No fees will be charged for tuition. All intending pupils will provide their own mounts.

Mr. "Evo" has kindly consented to donate a cup to the pupil who has, in the opinion of the riding master and the manager of the riding school, made the best progress at the end of the term. This does not necessarily mean the cup will be for the best rider in the school, but will be for the pupil who has made the most improvement as the direct result of these lessons.

It is intended that the course shall commence as soon as convenient after the forthcoming May meeting, i.e., at the termination of the first part of the year's racing.

Mr. A. J. P. Heard has consented to act as riding master and conduct the classes, and Mr. W. Fiddes Wilson has agreed to act as manager.

MIXED DOUBLES.

FULL LIST OF LEAGUE FIXTURES.

Six teams have entered the Mixed Doubles League, which starts in June. The teams are the Ladies Recreation Club, the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, the Club de Recreio, Hongkong University Union, Kowloon C.C. and the Chinese R.C. The home matches of the L.R.C. will be played on the Chinese R.C. at Causeway Bay.

The following is a full list of League fixtures:

June 5.	L.R.C. v. K.B.G.C.
C. de R. v. H.K.U.U.	K.C.C. v. C.R.C.
June 12.	G.R.C. v. L.R.C.
K.B.G.C. v. H.K.U.U.	C. de R. v. K.C.C.
June 19.	L.R.C. v. K.C.C.
K.B.G.C. v. C. de R.	H.K.U.U. v. C.R.C.
June 26.	C. de R. v. L.R.C.
G.R.C. v. K.B.G.C.	K.C.C. v. H.K.U.U.
July 3.	H.K.U.U. v. L.R.C.
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FOOTBALL IN MACAO.

EASTERN ATHLETIC TEAM ENTERTAINED.

During the week-end, the members of the Eastern Athletic Association were guests of the Sociedade Uniao Recreativa of Macao. The capacious and beautiful club house of the S.U.R. was at the disposal of the visitors who enjoyed themselves immensely in the various indoor games the Club provides.

On Sunday morning, a pleasant reception was given and in the course of his felicitous speech, the Secretary, Mr. Luis Gomes, welcomed the Eastern contingents.

In the afternoon, a friendly football match was played. From the beginning the play was fast. There was no score at half time. Resuming, the play was even more interesting and on many occasions the goalies of both teams were given a severe test. In the last eight minutes of the play, the Macao team became very aggressive, and with really splendid combination, Guerreiro beat the Hongkong goalie twice at close range.

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TOWN PLANNING.

CANTON'S SCHEME FOR CITY DEVELOPMENT.

It is learned that the Municipal Bureau of Public Works has prepared a map dividing the city of Canton into four sections—the Government Administration, Industrial, Commercial, and Residential Sections—and has submitted same together with a proposal to the Canton Municipality for decision and adoption, says the Canton Gazette. The authorities of the Bureau have taken the present step in view of the confused state in this city, as at present private residences are found amidst groups of commercial houses and factories, and Governmental Offices are found here and there, being widely separated from one another, and causing much inconvenience to the general public.

It has therefore been proposed that this city be marked off into different sections as referred to above. The Governmental Administration Section will be made in the central part of the city, and the commercial section is to be marked out at flourishing centres according to the nature of the trade to suit the requirement of the citizens. The industrial section will be on the north-western part of the city which is adjacent to the river bank and is close to the railways, affording every convenience in the transportation of industrial produce. Suitable parts of this city will be marked out as the Residential Section, while the island of Honam will be marked off as a part of it as Commercial Section.

It is to be noted that the City Planning Committee in Canton had also a proposal to divide the city into various sections, and that certain places were fixed for this purpose. As its proposal may be slightly different from the one now laid forth by the Bureau of Public Works, the Canton Municipality has passed the one together with the map drawn up by the latter to the said Committee for investigation and decision.

AFFORESTATION.

CANTON'S PLAN TO BUILD UP NEW WOODLANDS.

Since the formation of the Afforestation Bureau, the authorities thereof have planned many projects to build up forests in the various districts of this province, and have decided upon opening five model forests on several well-known hills near Canton, such as the Yuet Shou, White Cloud, Tingwu and Lofou hills, says the Canton Gazette. The estimated costs for the opening of these forests have already been prepared, and a budget was submitted to the Provincial Government with the request that the Department of Finance be instructed to issue payment of funds to enable the early realization of the project. Owing to financial stringency the Department of Finance has found it hard to comply with the request of the said Bureau for the present, and in consequence no funds have been appropriated to enable the model forest to come into existence at an early date, though it has been proposed by the Afforestation Bureau to first start the opening of two of these forests on the Yuet Shou Hill in Canton, and the Tingwu Hill in the Kaoyiu District, leaving the other three to be opened at a later date when the Department of Finance can afford to pay the expenses.

In view of the present season of the year which is a golden opportunity for the people in various districts to carry out the afforestation schemes, the Afforestation Bureau has issued instructions to all the Mayors and Magistrates, ordering that measures be taken to arouse the interest of the people of their respective districts in the importance of afforestation for their own welfare, and demanding immediate reports on all conditions in their districts in regard to afforestation.

A LAND SALE.

GOVERNMENT PLOT BOUGHT FOR \$4,100.

Yesterday a plot of ground at the junction of Cheung Sha Wan Road and Shek Kip Mei Street, changed hands, the parcel of Crown land being granted to Mr. Lo Bing for the sum of \$4,100. That sum was the one and only bid, the upset price being fixed at \$3,980.

There were the usual conditions of sale for the plot, which is about 2,275 square feet in area, but special conditions were attached, to the effect that the purchaser cannot dispose of the lot without the consent of the Governor-in-Council. Certain areas must be levelled at the expense of the purchaser and one section com-

DEATH & DAMAGE.

VIOLENT HURRICANE IN JAPAN.

Tokyo, Apr. 22.

A violent hurricane which swept over almost the whole of Japan yesterday left a widespread toll of death and damage in its wake. Reports from various parts of the country indicate that numberless houses were wholly or partially destroyed and a number of fishing and other small craft sunk and missing. The casualties include several drowned at sea. Several were killed and injured on land.—Reuter.

The Toll Mounts.

Tokyo, later.

The toll of lives lost and the destruction wrought by yesterday's hurricane continues to mount.

Two naval planes carrying a crew of four belonging to the carrier Agaki, are officially reported to be missing in the storm, during practice off the Korean coast.

Three bluejackets were washed overboard from destroyers, and it is feared were drowned.

The north-western coast of Japan appears to have suffered worst, especially Niigata, belated reports indicating that several hundred houses were completely demolished and about three hundred seriously damaged.

Eight people are known to be dead, and seventy-six injured.

The property loss is estimated to exceed a million yen.

In addition, the winds fanned disastrous conflagrations in two northern towns, resulting in four deaths and destruction of sixty buildings.

The loss of life at sea, where many fishing boats are still missing, is not yet certain, but it is feared it may be heavy.—Reuter.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

STORAGE & CONSUMPTION FIGURES.

Rain has threatened several times recently but has not materialised and an increase in water storage from this source appears to be almost as far off as ever. Meanwhile, the reservoirs are getting lower and lower and a very acute situation is arising which will necessitate drastic measures in the near future unless rain comes.

From the Director of Public Works it is learned that the total storage in the island reservoirs on April 22 amounted to 362.38 million gallons, showing a decrease of 30.71 million gallons during the past week. The week's consumption came to 37.56 million gallons and includes 2.10 million gallons brought across the harbour from Kowloon to the tanks on the water front and 1.33 million gallons from the Taiikoo reservoirs.

The situation on the mainland is not so serious. There the Shing Mun River continues to yield nearly a million gallons daily. The total storage in the mainland reservoirs on April 22 amounted to 136.81 million gallons showing a decrease of 23.20 million gallons during the past week. The week's consumption, including supplies to water boats and Hongkong, totals 30.76 million gallons.

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OBITUARY.

A FORMER HONGKONG RESIDENT.

Spinal meningitis claimed another foreign victim in Shanghai in Mr. John Caldwell Veir, last week. For the last 15 years, and more he had been an employee in the Shanghai Waterworks Co. in the distribution department, having gone to Shanghai from Hongkong. He leaves a wife and four children; his son works in the same office.

Mr. Veir had been in China just 35 years, being 51 years of age when he died. In his early days he was a follower of the sea and experienced life in the old sailing ships and had a knowledge of the old conditions in many of the China ports. He left the sea to become one of the Hongkong police force, in which he rose to the rank of sergeant, before resigning and going to Shanghai, where he found a position in the Maritime Customs. From the Customs he joined the Waterworks.

VESSEL SHELLED.

LATEST REPORTS OF BAIHYO MARU CASUALTIES.

Shanghai, Apr. 22.
Later reports of the casualties on the N.Y.K. upper river steamer Baihyo Maru, which was bombarded with guns and rifle fire a few miles below Ichang, whilst on her maiden voyage to Chungking, state that Sub-Lieut. Toyoda and one Chinese were killed, the Chief Engineer died of wounds and six or seven, including five Japanese Marines, were wounded.—*Reuter*.

Vigorous Protest Likely.

Tokyo, Apr. 22.
The Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs has conferred with the Premier on the Baihyo Maru incident, and it is expected a vigorous protest will be filed with the Chinese authorities.—*Reuter*.

RADIO BROADCAST.

THE LOCAL PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY.

Broadcast by Z.B.W. on 850 metres. 5.30-6.30 p.m. Programme of Chinese Music, (Haka Records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. The Canton Trading Association, Ltd.). 7 p.m. An address to Englishmen by the Hon. W. E. L. Shenton, President of the Society of St. George, followed by telegrams of greeting received from kindred Societies in various parts of the world. 7.45 p.m. Evening Weather Report.

8 p.m. A Concert.
Relayed from the Lee Theatre given by the Society of St. George.

- Selection by the Band of H.M.S. Kent.
- Selections from "The Gondoliers"—
(a) "For The Merriest Fellows Are We."
Mr. Parker and Chorus.
(b) "When a Merry Maidon Marries."
Mrs. Tinson and Chorus.
(c) "A Regular Royal Queen."
The Chorus.

Chorus—Mrs. Tinson, Mrs. Davenport Brown, Mrs. Belamy, Miss Hancock, Mr. Anniss, Mr. Brock, Mr. Green, Mr. Griggs, Mr. Parker.

3. Humourist.
Mr. W. A. Hannibal.

4. Song-Scene "Fairies from the Moon."
Mrs. G. C. Womack, assisted by
Miss Rachel Wong,
Miss Phyllis Gittins,
Miss Helen Ho,
Miss Mavis Glendinning.

5. Humorous Song.
Mr. V. C. Labrum.

6. Conjuror.
E.R.A. W. J. Mahoney.

Interval: Selection by the Band of H.M.S. Kent.

Part II.

7. Banjo Solo.
Mr. Hughes.

8. Jockey Dance.
Miss Rachel Wong,
Miss Stella Ho,
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Miss Helen Ho,
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9. Humourist.
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(b) "The Yeomen of England," from "Merrie England,"
Mr. Green and Chorus.

Chorus—Mrs. Tinson, Mrs. Davenport Brown, Mrs. Belamy, Miss Hancock, Mr. Anniss, Mr. Brock, Mr. Green, Mr. Griggs, Mr. Parker.

Finale, "Land of Hope and Glory,"
Mrs. Womack.

Accompanists—Mrs. Griggs, Mr. F. Mason, Mr. G. Grimble and Mr. H. J. Fountain.

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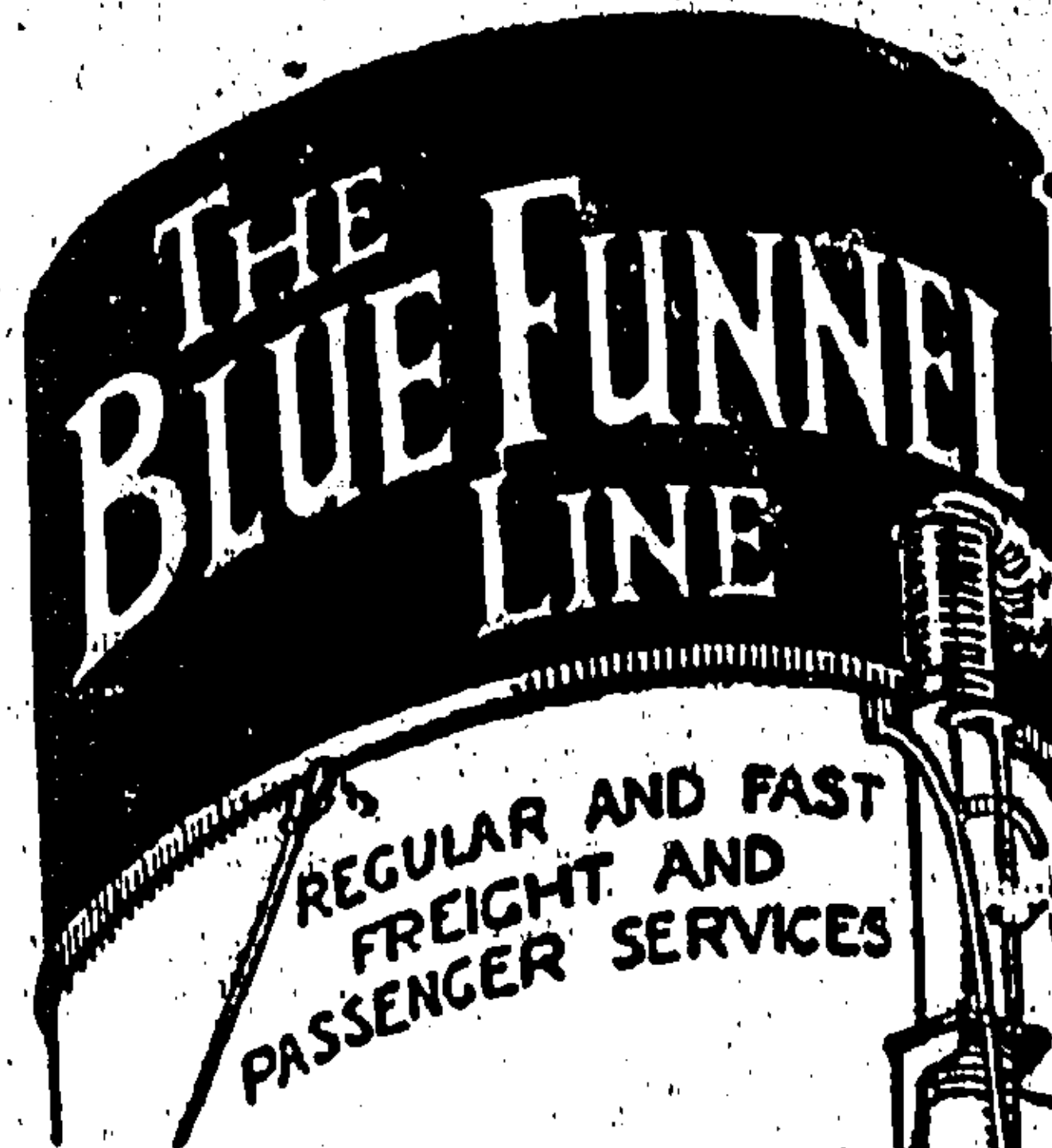
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DISARMAMENT PLANS.

THE AMERICAN ATTITUDE DEFINED AT GENEVA.

Geneva, Apr. 22. Mr. Hugh Gibson (United States) in a speech before the Preparatory Disarmament Committee, maintained the previous American standpoint, that the simplest, fairest, and most practical method of naval limitation was by tonnage by categories, but as some other delegations did not agree, the Americans had modified the thesis of the United States in the hope of facilitating a general agreement.

He was disposed to accept the French proposal as a basis for discussion, on the understanding that all quantitative tonnages and readjustment tonnages, as among the various categories, be reserved for discussion at the final conference.

In the meantime, the United States is prepared to give full and friendly consideration to supplementary methods of limitation, realising that "the essential thing is the achievement of substantial results, and methods are of secondary importance."

Attitude Must Change.

He said America felt that effective limitation was impossible unless all classes of war vessels were included. Moreover, genuine disarmament could only follow a changed attitude towards the use of force in the settlement of disputes, hence he appealed to the delegates to examine the whole problem afresh, and seek that confidence which would enable them to dispense with armaments that hitherto seemed so essential. He was understood to state that the United States is willing to agree to any reduction of naval tonnage, however drastic, which left no type of war vessel unrestricted.

British Reply.

Lord Cullen, in reply, said he was struck by Mr. Gibson's friendly, conciliatory and helpful spirit.

Britain would endeavour to meet him exactly in the same spirit. Mr. Gibson's statement was most important, and would affect the whole work of the Committee. Britain absolutely agreed with him on the point of reduction of armaments.

The French thesis, mentioned above, was embodied in a speech by M. Paul Boncour at the last session of the Committee, urging a greater elasticity in the distribution of tonnage.

Japanese Agreement.

Mr. Gibson's and Lord Cullen's sentiments were cordially endorsed by Viscount Sato (Japan), M. Massigli (France), Signor De Marinis (Italy) and Mr. Riddell (Canada).

Viscount Sato said the Japanese government was studying the division of naval armaments into categories, and he hoped to submit proposals later.

M. Massigli declared that France was ready to examine the New

MORE LUXOR TREASURES.

UNIQUE ROYAL FOOTSTOOL.

Cairo, Mar. 20.

The second instalment of the Tutankhamen tomb treasures are now being arranged in show-cases at the Museum of Antiquities by Mr. Howard Carter, Professor Newberry, and the Curator, Dr. Engelbach.

They showed me to-day the most important objects, which include a couchant ibex and a standing figure of a heraldic lion with forepaw upraised, both in alabaster and revealing a high standard of the sculptor's art. A touch of human interest was lent by a pair of tapestry woven gloves quite intact and leathern sandals ornamented with artistic designs in fine gold.

Absolutely unique is a royal cushion or footstool, embroidered all over with minute polychrome faience beads, wherein are worked two prostrate figures of captives suggesting the idea "Thou shalt make thine enemies thy footstool."

I understand that this is the only specimen ever discovered. Nearby lay a network bag for food still containing an actual piece of the original bread, which is therefore over 3,200 years old.

Golden Sickle.

Another very rare object is a wooden apparatus for making fire by friction similar to those used by primitive tribes, also a wooden sickle overlaid with gold and shaped like the jawbone of an ass, its cutting edge composed of the finest narrow pieces of coloured glass.

In the same case is a splendid collection of boomerangs and throwsticks, some of which, I understand, were most probably those actually used by Tutankhamen himself when hunting, while to the jewel room collection has been added a light sceptre with a gold shaft head, beautifully inlaid with coloured glass and cornelian in lotus flower motifs.

Yet another gaming box was on view, with drawers either containing playing cards or resembling those used in the game of Hainin or chess pawns.

The surface of this box is divided into thirty ivory and gilt squares, of which four are marked with special hieroglyphs, probably denoting lucky or unlucky moves, the latter being decided by casting coloured ivory sticks and knucklebones.

American proposals in a spirit of compromise and conciliation.

M. Litvinoff stated that Mr. Gibson had gratefully enumerated some of the Soviet principles, but his pessimism would not change unless the Committee's work followed concrete proposals.

The chairman, Heer Louder, winding up the discussions, expressed the opinion that the important declarations to-day would impart fresh energy into the work of the Committee.—*Reuter*.

PLUNGE TO DEATH.

A DOUBLE AEROPLANE ACCIDENT.

San Diego, Apr. 22.

Six persons were killed in an extraordinary double aeroplane accident.

An army aeroplane suddenly plunged down from a height of two thousand feet, and struck the wing of a passenger plane which was flying beneath.

Both planes crashed, and all the occupants were killed.

One of the occupants of the army plane jumped out, but his parachute caught in the wing, and he was carried helplessly to death.—*Reuter's American Service*.

Crash Sequel.

New York, Apr. 22.

Captain Lancaster, who crashed three weeks ago at Port of Spain during a flight across the Caribbean, has arrived on a liner on which he was operated upon the day after he left Barbados, and has gone to hospital here, his condition being serious.

Capt. Lancaster's most spectacular flight was to Australia, with Mrs. Keith Miller as a passenger.—*Reuter's American Service*.

REPARATIONS.

TERMS OF GERMAN MEMORANDUM.

Paris, Apr. 22.

The German memorandum states that if Germany is to assume the payments enumerated in the plan submitted to Doctor Schacht, without further increasing her foreign debt, she should be permitted to "recreate" her overseas sources of raw materials exclusively to herself.

The memorandum also refers to Germany's loss of territory on her eastern frontier, and says the separation of a whole province from the rest of the Reich has so seriously affected the prosperity of this province that the Reich is obliged regularly to subsidise it, "consequently it would be necessary to agree to measures with a view to combatting these unfavourable conditions, which are reducing Germany's capacity to pay."

The Havas agency diplomatic correspondent comments that evidently the Germans wish to demand full sovereignty by the Reich over the former German colonies, also the Danzig corridor in Upper Silesia.—*Reuter*.

TOLL OF TORNADO.

MANY PEOPLE KILLED AND INJURED.

Little Rock, Arkansas, Apr. 22. Thirteen were killed and four injured in a tornado here. Most of the dead are negroes, but a white child had its back broken and died.—*Reuter*.

Altogether 26 Deaths.

Later. There have been altogether twenty-six deaths as the result of storms in Arkansas during the week-end.—*Reuter's American Service*.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per s.s. President Madison from Manila on April 22.—Mr. G. Assumal, Mr. Genaram Assumal, Mr. Mariano Castillo, Miss Mac Chapin, Mr. Kotumal Choolaram, Mrs. J. V. Cordier, Mr. and Mrs. M. Cummins, Mr. Doomal Chandram, Mr. J. E. Davies, Miss Teresa Forrija, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Gabbott, Mr. Mariano Goyena, Mr. Marcelino Gutierrez, Mr. T. Ikeda, Prof. Gino Jamin, Mr. S. G. Kirkland, Mr. Jose Bolas Layla, Sister Marie Linet, Mr. Gangaram Lokumari, Mr. Salvador Lozano, Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Mack, Prof. Mariano T. Mangueria, Major and Mrs. K. A. McLennan, Mr. Geo. V. Monk, Mr. Benito Morales, Mr. Horacio Morales, Mr. Karl W. V. Nik, Mr. Geo. O'Farrell, Mr. Chas. Oclase, Mr. Aracelo Reyes, Mr. Brisala Reynoso, Mr. John Scholobohm, Mr. A. Sinfon, Mr. Otto Sieger, Prof. Genmino Suva, Mr. Angel Tanguo, Mr. H. Villman, Mother St. Xavier, Mr. Leonard Yates, Mr. James Young, Master Philip Beckwith, Col. A. S. Bump, Mrs. Leon A. Bump, Miss Rose Erres, Miss Eva Garcia, Miss Paz Garcia, Miss Sally Lucas Jean, Miss Blanche de C. Keayy, Major and Mrs. Patis, Mrs. Rosario Garcia de Pons, Mr. and Mrs. Ting Tlan Sing, Mr. Giuseppe Trajira, Mr. and Mrs. Uy Yot, Mr. and Mrs. Jose Gutierrez, Mr. Eduardo Gutierrez, Mr. E. Kubi, Miss Rosario Ocampo, Miss Feliza Pokon, Miss Lucia Pokon, Mr. Romualdo Rivera, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest S. Ross, Mr. Nohaji Sakyo, Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Peterson, Mrs. Ruth Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pitclair, Mrs. Everett Beckwith, Miss Sue Beckwith, Mr. John Canson, Mr. U. L. Cebal, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Frazer, Miss Anne B. Frazer, Mrs. and Miss Ruth H. Powell, Commander E. K. Turner, Miss Lucie Zuercher, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. B. Ensign, Miss Evelyn W. Ensign, Mr. Bernard Lichtig, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Patterson, Master R. J. Patterson.

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LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page. MOON MOAN, MEAN, BEAN, BEAM.

PASSENGER'S SUICIDE.

JUMPS OVERBOARD FROM THE HAI CHING.

A story of suicide committed by a Chinese deck passenger during the voyage from Swatow to Hongkong was brought in by the s.s. Hai Ching (Capt. O. H. Farrar) which arrived in port at 9 a.m. yesterday with 272 Asiatic passengers.

It appears that when the s.s. Hai Ching was off Breaker Point in Lat. 22° 55' N. and Long. 116° 31' E. at 1.42 p.m. on Saturday, April 20, a Chinese deck passenger was observed to jump overboard. The master of the vessel immediately turned the vessel round and a boat was sent away to look for him.

No sign of the missing man was discovered and after cruising around for some time, the s.s. Hai Ching proceeded on her way here.

A DREDGER ARRIVES.

MASTER HERE FIRST TIME IN 46 YEARS.

An interesting arrival yesterday was the hopper-dredger Chun Ping, a vessel of 211 tons, which left Leith, Scotland, on February 6 bound for Chingwangtan. She came in for water at 8 a.m. yesterday under the command of Capt. Mack, who is here for the first time in 46 years.

It is understood that when Capt. Mack was here last, he was in the famous Cutty Sark, which was in the hey-day of her career. Capt. Mack was reluctant to say anything of his impression of the changes in the Colony between then and now, but admitted that Hongkong has turned into a "fine old place."

The Chun Ping called at Colombo before reaching here and will leave for Chingwangtan to-day. She berthed at the Kailan Mining Administration Wharf at Leichikok yesterday.

DARVEL STRANDING.

THE CAPTAIN SEVERELY REPRIMANDED.

At the conclusion of the Marine Court of Enquiry at Singapore into the stranding of the Straits Steamship Co.'s vessel Darvel, in Sandakan Harbour in the early morning of February 12th, the Court found that the master, Capt. D. S. Harvey, was guilty of negligence and severely reprimanded him.

The Court was presided over by Mr. C. H. G. Clarke, assisted by the Master Attendant, S.S. Capt. G. H. Freyberg, Capt. O. S. Abrahams and Capt. J. Agnew as Assessors. The Solicitor-General (Mr. J. V. G. Mills), appeared for the Crown, Mr. E. A. Stevens for the Master and Mr. V. D. Knowles for the first officer, Mr. James Taylor.

Mr. Mills briefly recounted the occurrence and said the Darvel left Sandakan on February 12th at 1.10 a.m. and grounded on Tanjong Aru, which was almost due east of the wharf, at 1.28 a.m.

In an annex to the finding the Court said that the Darvel left Sandakan on February 12th at 1.10 a.m. The weather was thick and rainy at the time. After passing the Atchey Buoy at 1.18 a.m. the master gave the course to the helmsman N. 0.50 E.—the correct course. At 1.24 a.m. owing to heavy rain the engines were stopped for about a minute and then the order was given to alter the course to N. 0.19 E. At 1.28 a.m. the ship grounded on Tanjong Aru, where she still remains.

In the opinion of the court, the casualty was caused by the helmsman mistaking the order and shaping a course S. 0.50 E. instead of the one

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given by the master. In the opinion of the court, the master was guilty of negligence in that he did not see the evidence at present before it for himself, that the helmsman had turned on the correct course. "We think that his primary duty was to see to the course and that it was but it considers that Capt. Harvey for his officer to attend to the look-out should be severely reprimanded."

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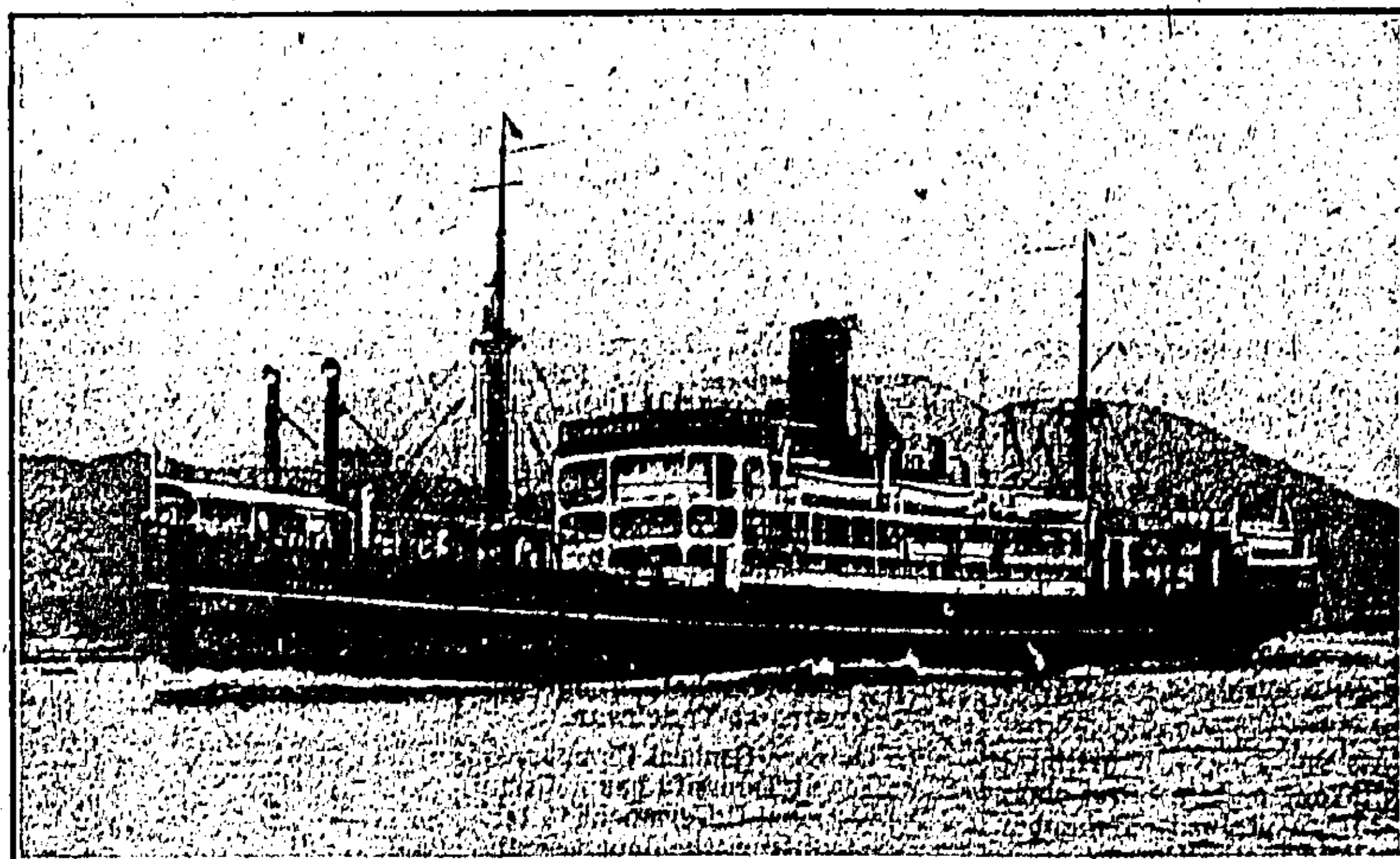
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THREE CHINESE SENTENCED IN COURT.

Three Chinese were brought before Major C. Willson this morning on a charge of theft of two blankets from Quarter Master Sergeant H. Grossman, at the Soldiers' Quarters, Kennedy Road. The first defendant, who was charged with theft of the blankets, pleaded guilty. The second and third defendants were charged with receiving the goods. The third defendant pleaded not guilty, saying that he was asked by the first defendant to take one of the blankets to a pawnshop, and the other blanket was found in the possession of the second defendant.

There was a further charge against the first defendant of returning to the Colony after being banished last year, for which Major Willson sentenced him to nine months' imprisonment and twenty strokes of the birch.

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Popular prices will be charged, and bookings at Montre's should be brisk.

On the charge of theft the first defendant was ordered another two months' imprisonment, while the second and the third defendants were each sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment.

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THIRD DIVISION STRUGGLE.

CHARLTON GO TO TOP OF THE TABLE.

YESTERDAY'S GAMES.

London, Apr. 22.
Queen's Park Rangers lost the leadership of the Third Division (South) to-day, suffering defeat at Norwich, while Charlton Athletic were successful against Brentford.

The struggle in this division is still very tense, the present leading positions being:

Charlton	40	21	8	11	82	60
Q.P.R.	40	19	12	9	81	60
Norhampton	40	19	11	10	82	55
Fulham	40	19	10	11	87	70
Luton	39	19	10	10	86	67
Palace	38	20	8	10	76	64

Several other games were played, the full list of results being as follows:

First Division.			
Arsenal	2	Everton	0
Second Division.			
Hull City	4	Millwall	0
Division III (South).			
Charlton	1	Brentford	0
Norwich	3	Q.P.R.	1
Scottish League.			
St. Mirren	2	Dundee	2

AMERICAN NAVAL PROPOSALS.

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period before they could be replaced. The British Government had also intimated its readiness, if its colleagues would agree, to the total abolition of submarines. Therefore the British Government had already shown a willingness to carry further the principle of reduction of which the foundation had tentatively been laid and were anxious to promote it to the fullest possible extent.

A very important matter laid down by Mr. Gibson was that of arriving at some system of equivalent values based upon other factors besides mere tonnage, such as speed. He did not like to say very much upon that point until he had further information, but he entirely agreed that it was along those lines that the problem ought to be investigated.

Technical Matter.

He thought the British Government had also to some extent been investigating the possibility of arriving at equivalent values, taking into account other factors besides tonnage, but obviously this was a matter which was extremely technical, and which the British Government would only examine in conjunction with expert advice.

He was, however, quite certain that any suggestions of the sort by the United States and any information as to their study of this subject would be most carefully and in friendly spirit examined and considered by the British Government. He could not, of course, commit his Government in any way to any result that might follow from that examination, but he certainly welcomed the whole spirit of Mr. Gibson's statement, which had such a close bearing upon the whole of the naval question that it must profoundly affect the work on disarmament at Geneva.—British Wireless.

KNIGHTHOOD FOR MR. F. C. TOONE.

SECRETARY AND MANAGER IN CRICKET WORLD.

London, Apr. 22.
A knighthood has been conferred upon Frederick Charles Toone, the manager of the M.C.C. Test Team in the recent successful Australian tour.—Reuter.

One of the best known men in cricket, Sir Frederick Toone has been secretary of the Yorkshire C.C. since 1903, prior to which he was Leicestershire's secretary.

He was an excellent player himself in his early days, a brilliant rugby player and a first-class athlete. He captained a number of cricket and football teams.

He was official handicapper to the A.A.A. and the N.C.U. for some time, sat on the Commission for the Control of Crowds after the Wembley disaster in the first season, the Cup Final was played there, and the manager of the English teams in Australia in 1920-21 and 1924-25. He celebrated his 60th birthday last year.

AN AMATEUR GOLF TRYOUT.

SPLENDID PLAY IN COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

AMERICAN'S RECORD.

London, Apr. 22.
The English Amateur Golf Championship meeting opened at Gosforth Park, Newcastle to-day, with a stroke play competition over thirty-six holes for team honours, four players representing each of the competing counties.

Twelve counties entered the contest, and some good golf was witnessed. The competition resulted in a victory for Lancashire, the final scores being:

Lancashire	681
Yorkshire	634
Cheshire	636
Warwick (holders)	637
Durham	648
Surrey	649

The amateur record for the course was twice broken in the course of the day. The first new record was made by T. Perkins

BRITISH MINERS' FUND.

Further Donation To Hand To-day.

We are glad to announce a further donation to-day to the Fund for the relief of distress amongst British miners and their families, this being a sum of \$20 from a resident signing himself "Old Salt."

This brings the total so far received by the Telegraph to \$7,800 and \$2 16s.

The local fund closes on Monday next. We shall be glad to receive further donations.

(Warwickshire) one of England's best amateurs to-day, who went round in the morning in 70.

Professional Challenge.

Arrangements have just been completed for golf challenge matches between Walter Hagen, the leading American professional, and Archie Compston, of Great Britain.

The first of these matches will be played at Moor Park, Rickmansworth on May 31st and the second at Blackwell, Birmingham, on June 1st.

Should each player win once it is probable that a third game will be arranged.

New Record.

At Espinosa, one of the American Ryder Cup team, to-day went round the Moor Town course at Leeds, where the Ryder Cup Competition is to be held on April 20th, in 66.

This is a record for the course, and in making such a fine return, Espinosa also secured the distinction of being the first leading American professional to achieve the hole in one.

He made this stroke at the sixth hole, which measures 224 yards.—Reuter.

FENG TO BE GIVEN SHANTUNG.

AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS TO TAKE OVER.

Shanghai, Apr. 22.

Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, it is understood, was concentrated about 60,000 of his Kuomintang troops at Taitan on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway in readiness for the occupation of Shantung Province.

As soon as the Central Government order arrives, the Kuomintang will occupy Taitan, then Tientsin and Changting and eventually the northern districts.

The 26th Kuomintang Division is now concentrated at Loyang, where a Disbandment Office, for the demobilisation of superfluous Kuomintang troops, was established yesterday. It is authentically stated that Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang remains at Tungkuang.

The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce at Tientsin has petitioned the National Government to take over control from the Japanese and to provide an adequate garrison to ensure peace and order.

Mr. T. E. Mitchell, Far Eastern manager of the General Accident, Fire & Life Assurance Corporation, is in Hongkong. While here he is meeting the Earl of Arlisle, one of the directors of the company who is accompanying the Duke of Gloucester on his visit to Japan.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY IN HONGKONG.

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY AT THE CENOTAPH.

FAR EAST GREETINGS.

To-day is St. George's Day, and the anniversary of the birth of the Patron Saint of England is being loyally honoured in Hongkong no less than in other parts of the world where Englishmen congregate.

Simple but touching was the ceremony at the Cenotaph this morning, which was the preliminary to the day's programme. When the President of the Society, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, accompanied by members of the Committee of the Society, laid a wreath at the base of the memorial, all assembled took their thoughts back to the dreadful war days, removed their hats, and paid reverence to the departed who, in the great cause of liberty, laid down their lives in the great sacrifice.

Of interest is the fact that His Excellency the Governor was represented at the ceremony. On his behalf, Captain F. G. Sillitoe, of the Royal Marines, also placed a wreath at the foot of the Cenotaph.

The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock was present at the ceremony, and at a gathering which followed in the Hongkong Club he proposed the toast of St. George and England, which was loyally honoured.

Others who officially took part in the ceremony at the Cenotaph were Messrs. S. T. Butlin, T. A. Pearce, C. G. Alabaster, W. A. Dowley, D. King, H. R. Phillips, Bulmer Johnson, L. C. F. Bellamy, S. J. Jordan, Hon. Mr. H. T. Crenay, W. J. Stokes, E. W. Carpenter, W. A. Cornell, E. M. Hazeland, G. E. Welton and Colonel Robertson.

Roses Presented.

The Society also took the opportunity of presenting this morning to Mr. Southorn and Mrs. Wainstell very pretty baskets of English roses.

Furthermore, bunches of roses were sent to the following institutions:—Government Civil Hospital, Victoria Hospital, Peak Hospital, Matilda Hospital, Military Hospital (Bowen Road), Naval Hospital, French Hospital, Alice Memorial Hospital, Tsan Yuk Maternity Hospital (Eastern Street), Tung Wah Hospital, Italian Hospital, St. Francis Infirmary (Wanchai), Kowloon Hospital, Kowloon Military Hospital and Kwong Wah Hospital.

Fraternal Greetings.

The following messages have been received by the local Society from Kindred Societies, and it is expected that further messages will be broadcast by the President to-night at seven o'clock:—

Shanghai:—Heartiest fraternal greetings.

London:—"Prince George present at Banquet. First Lord of Admiralty Chairman. All prosperity and happiness—Georgical."

Peking:—President and members Peking send greetings.

Vancouver:—Greetings and best wishes from the President and members of the Vancouver, British Columbia, branch of the Society.

Tientsin:—Heartiest greetings from President and members Tientsin.

Kobe:—Heartiest greetings from Kobe, Asat, President.

Shanghai:—Greetings from Shanghai, O. M. Green, President.

Other Functions.

At 5.30 p.m. to-day there will be a very interesting ceremony in connexion with the observance. The "Retreat" will be played by the band of the Somerset Light Infantry, followed by musical selections, on the Hongkong Cricket Club Ground. Following is the programme:

1. Fanfare of Bugles.
2. The Retreat.
3. March. Sambre ey Meuse.
4. Bugle March. Windsor.
5. Descriptive Piece. The Ride of St. George.
6. Bugle March. Old Faithful.
7. Grand Fantasia of English Songs.
8. March. Marching thro' Georgia.

Rule Britannia.
The Evening Hymn.
Regt. March... Prince Albert God Save The King.
Conductor, Mr. E. J. Woolcott.

At 7 p.m., the President of the Society will broadcast from the radio station messages from kindred Societies as well as an address on St. George and England, whilst later there will be a concert and variety entertainment at the Lee Theatre to which all Service men in the Colony have been invited. Radio enthusiasts in Hongkong will have the opportunity of listening-in to this programme.

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